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CHRISTMAS-
TIME FOR
SOCCER
SHOCKS AND
SURPRISES



*Colin Todd,
one of four
players who
select*

**'THE BEST
CONTINENTAL
TEAMS I'VE
EVER SEEN'**



*Yes, it's Santa
Clemence humping a
sack of 'presents'
across the Liverpool
pitch. He's making no
secret of the fact
everyone at Anfield is
hoping another
European Cup win is
in store for 1978.*

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS'

CHRISTMAS soccer often tends to provide shocks and upsets — but undoubtedly the craziest festive season within memory was that of 1963.

There was nothing Scrooge-like on the goal-front, for a start. The 40 Boxing Day Football League games saw a total of 160 goals — so averaging four a match all round the country — with 66 of them coming in ten First Division fixtures.

Three players — Graham Leggat (Fulham), Andy Lochhead (Burnley), and Roger Hunt (Liverpool) — scored four goals apiece. And there were "mere" hat-tricks from Bobby Howfield (Fulham), Fred Pickering and Andy McEvoy (Blackburn), Jimmy Murray and Matt Gray (Manchester City), Dave Wilson (Preston), and Alan Morton (Lincoln).

Just to show it wasn't all fun-and-games, four players got their marching-orders that day, a number were booked, five matches were postponed through weather conditions, and another abandoned at half-time!

Apart from the welcome high-scoring in the First Division, another oddity was the rapid turn-about of form — these were the times of home-and-away League duels being fought out over the holiday — when the teams met again a couple of days later.

On the Boxing Day, Fulham routed Ipswich 10-1 — with Graham Leggat getting three of his four goals inside three minutes.

This was Fulham's all-time record win, and Ipswich's all-time record defeat.

Yet, just forty-eight hours later, Ipswich salvaged some of their battered pride by beating Fulham 4-2.

The Christmas double-header between West Ham and Blackburn was even more remarkable.

On Boxing Day, the Northerners slammed in EIGHT to West Ham's two — at Upton Park.

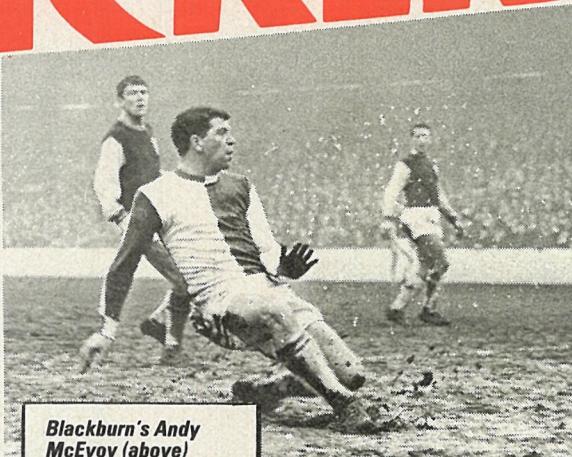
But in the return at Blackburn, The Hammers turned the tables 3-1 with great goals from Johnny Byrne (2) and Geoff Hurst.

West Ham have traditionally been more lovable than consistent . . . but this was ridiculous!

Meanwhile Burnley having trounced Manchester United 6-1 on Boxing Day, must have felt pretty confident about that quick return at Old Trafford.

But it was not to be. They'd reckoned without a frail-looking 17-year-old "unknown" United had hastily drafted into their routed side.

And the lad was amongst the scorers in United's 5-1 revenge. His name, which didn't mean a thing at the time,



Blackburn's Andy McEvoy (above) scores Rovers' third goal in a shock 8-2 win at Upton Park. Charlton keeper Sam Bartram (right) won't forget the day he was left behind in a fog!



was George Best.

Then Bolton, having gone down 3-0 on Sheffield Wednesday's ground, promptly responded with a 3-0 scoreline in their favour at home.

Other high-scoring First Division games that Boxing Day of 1963 were Liverpool's 6-1 hammering of Stoke; Chelsea's 5-1 away triumph at Blackpool; a 4-4 draw between West Bromwich and Spurs; and 3-3 draws at Nottingham Forest (v. Sheffield United), and Wolverhampton (v. Villa).

In many ways it's a pity we seem to have abandoned that traditional Christmas time home-and-away fixture list which so often seemed to produce freakish scores, and turnabouts from the first to the second.

In other ways, though, there's sound commonsense in it. Feuds still simmering a day or two later are usually well forgotten when the fixtures are longer-spaced.

And if, unhappily, Boxing Day does turn out to be just that here or there . . . there's no reason why the "bouts" should have to be continued on the rival ground a few hours later!

Fog stops play

Popular goalkeeper Sam Bartram played a club-record 583 peacetime League games for Charlton — but one which particularly stands out in his memory was on a foggy Christmas morning at Stamford Bridge in 1937.

Chelsea were under continuous pressure, with Sam somewhat under-employed at his end — when a real old-time London "pea-souper" suddenly came down and completely shrouded the ground.

As Sam recalls: "Out of the thick gloom, I spotted a shadowy figure in my goalmouth. I got ready to spring into action, thinking the opponents had broken away, but it wasn't a Chelsea forward — it was a policeman.

"He grinned at me and said: 'Just thought you ought to know, Sam, the ref called it off a few minutes ago, and all your mates are back in the dressing-room' — and they were, too!"



On Boxing Day 1935, Tranmere beat Oldham 13-4 in the old Third Division (North) — and those 17 goals represent an all-time aggregate Football League record.

"Bunny" Bell scored nine of Tranmere's goals — and must have thought that might also last for ever as an individual League record.

Unfortunately for him, it only lasted until the following Easter Monday — when "Ten-Goal" Joe Payne went one-better for Luton against Bristol Rovers.

But Oldham, having conceded those 13 goals in 1935, have happier memories of another Boxing Day — in 1962 they rattled-up their best-ever League win of 11-0 against Southport.

Boxing Day 1930, similarly saw Manchester United's record defeat — 7-0 by Aston Villa — while, on Christmas Day 1952, Carlisle's 8-0 win over Scunthorpe equalled their biggest victory.



It was at Christmas time in 1971 that Arsenal signed Alan Ball for £220,000.

Costliest transfer

The costliest transfer ever registered on Christmas Eve took place four years ago — when Manchester City bought a gift-wrapped England striker in Joe Royle from Everton as a £200,000 present for their supporters.

Shock sacking

Big, bustling Derek Dooley was fast becoming the most feared centre-forward in Britain in the early 1950's.

He played only 61 League games for Sheffield Wednesday before tragedy struck and a freak, million-to-one injury necessitated the amputation of his lethal right leg — but he'd scored 62 goals in them, and was being freely tipped as a future England scoring sensation.

Dooley remained with Wednesday in varying administrative capacities, culminating in the manager's hot-seat, until he received a summons to the office of the new chairman who'd taken over only a fortnight earlier.

It was ten o'clock on the morning of Christmas Eve 1973, and Dooley was expecting nothing more sensational than traditional season's greetings.

Instead, after a quarter of a century's loyal service at the club, he was sacked on the spot.

Derek is still much involved in Sheffield football — having moved across the city as Commercial Manager with United — but memories of that bitter break with Wednesday still haunt him.

If ever there was a case of the unacceptable face of big-time Christmas soccer . . . this was it.

Expensive Ball

Alan Ball has a habit of making Yuletide go with a soccer swing.

Three days before Christmas 1971, he became the then most expensive player in British soccer when Arsenal manager Bertie Mee — whose birthday is Christmas Day — got him from Everton as a £220,000 present for the club.

As Ball hadn't asked for a transfer, he collected his own Christmas gift of an £11,000 share of the fee — and, to round off the celebrations, his wife presented him with a child.

"Ballie" stayed with Arsenal until two days before another Christmas — last year — when he moved on to Southampton.

Two games in one day

On the second Wartime Christmas Day of 1940, a couple of England's most famous international forwards played for two clubs on the same day.

In the morning, Everton's Tommy Lawton played in the local derby with Liverpool — and then "guested" for neighbouring Tranmere Rovers against Crewe Alexandra in the afternoon.

Meanwhile, Len Shackleton appeared for both Bradford clubs — first, his own Park Avenue team, and then as a "guest" for City.

Five-goal Johnny

One of the most remarkable games in the Football League's

long history — and the only one in which a side has scored six times and still lost — took place at Charlton four days before Christmas in 1957.

Visitors Huddersfield were 5-1 up with less than half-an-hour to play — Charlton were down to ten men most of the game — and some disgruntled fans were already making for the exits.

Then, Johnny Summers — whose favourite boots had split, and was forced to the unwelcome necessity of changing into a brand-new, unbroken-in pair at half-time — struck out of the blue to send them scurrying back.

And he struck again, and again — five times in all — incredibly to put ten-man Charlton 6-5 ahead.

Even now, it wasn't over. With just two minutes left, Huddersfield equalised — and then Ryan scored (inevitably from a Summers' pass) to end it 7-6 to Charlton with the last shot of the match.

As for the hero of that sensa-

tional winter Summers' day, he said afterwards: "I'm going to hang on to those boots as a souvenir if I live to be 100 . . ."

Tragically, only four years later, Five-Goal Johnny was dead of cancer at the age of 33.

Doc's double-deal

Christmas 1972 was a busy time at Old Trafford.

On 16th December, Manchester United, bottom-but-one in the First Division, lost 5-0 at C. Palace.

Three days later, manager Frank O'Farrell was out — and, after another three, Tommy Docherty was in.

On 27th December, "The Doc" spent a quarter-of-a-million on George Graham (from Arsenal) and Alex Forsyth (Partick).

That double-deal made United the first £1,000,000-plus team in Britain, and helped keep them in the First Division for another term.



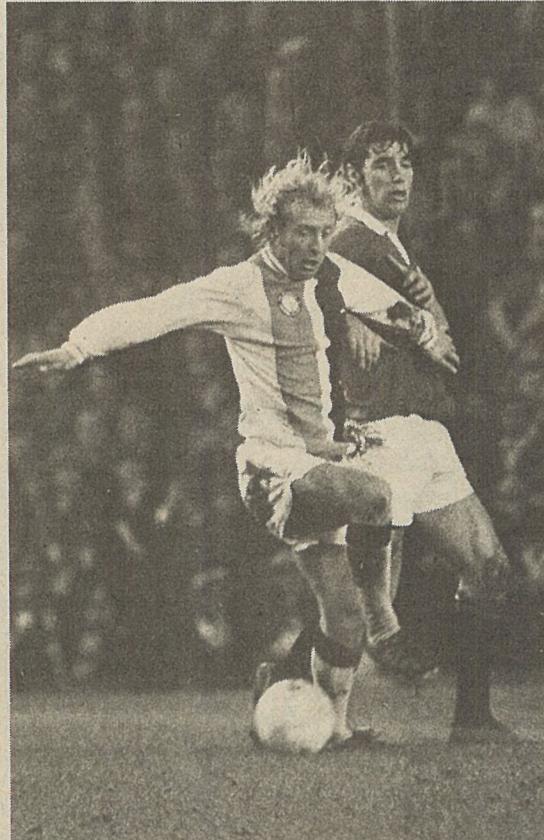
Stand-in sensation

Leicester's veteran defender Dave Webb is a pretty versatile chap — whose crisp late header, after slipping upfield unnoticed, won the F.A. Cup for Chelsea in 1970.

He's also a recognised stand-in 'keeper when injury strikes — but probably even Webbie hadn't bargained on starting off with a full 90 minutes in goal in a First Division game . . . as he had to against Ipswich on Boxing Day in 1971.

Senior Chelsea 'keepers Peter Bonetti and John Phillips both failed late fitness tests — and, despite a frantic motorway dash, third-choice Steve Sherwood just couldn't make it to Stamford Bridge in time for the kick-off.

So, in a hasty team re-shuffle, the ever-willing Webb was "conscripted" for the green jersey — and kept a clean-sheet while Chelsea popped in a couple of goals at the other end.



On Boxing Day 1972, all Yuletide goodwill quickly seemed to disappear — with four players sent-off, and another 54 booked, in Football League games.



Above right . . . Injury-hit Chelsea played David Webb in goal against Ipswich on Boxing Day, 1971.

Len Shackleton (left) played for both Bradford clubs on Christmas Day in 1940.

Right . . . In 1972, just before Christmas, Man. Utd. crashed 5-0 at C. Palace.

'THE PRESENT THAT'LL

After seeing "Father Clemence" on this week's cover, you'll have no problem guessing what present I'm looking forward to receiving. My second European Cup-winner's medal!

I'll have to wait until next May, of course — providing Liverpool get through to the Final and win it — but it'll be well worth waiting for.

I can't imagine a more exciting prospect, apart from winning a World Cup winner's medal — in 1982 — than becoming the first British club to be crowned European Champions for the second time. And at our home stadium, Wembley!

The European Cup must be the world's heaviest trophy — no one in Rome carried it more than 25 yards without wanting to hand it over to the next man — but I'll willingly parade it single-handed all the way round Wembley I'll be so over the moon.

But there are four matches to go before the Final and we Reds are conscious of the fact we must regain the form that earned us that fabulous "double" last term. It's no secret we've struggled of late. I can't recall a longer spell of poor results in my time at Anfield.

The heavy programme of matches over Christmas gives us the opportunity to get ourselves properly organised again.

I have mixed feelings about the festive season, as you'll appreciate, being a family man. It's a time when I would prefer to be with my wife "Vee" and my two little girls, and do all the traditional things.

The club always hold a party for the children of the players and staff. It takes place a few weeks before Christmas. But there is nothing organised for the adults. We're left to arrange our own little get-togethers, between those of us who are close friends.

Over Christmas, it'll be football business, as usual, for everyone.

On Christmas morning I'll be with the lads at Melwood, our training ground, going through the usual routine and preparing for two important matches in two days.



Ray Clemence (below) saves from Borussia's Uli Stielike during last term's European Cup Final.

be pulled back.

The big threat over Christmas is the uncertain weather. One day you can be playing on a frosty, rock-hard surface in bitter cold, the next on a Christmas pudding-like quagmire in a muggy atmosphere.

Matches can be settled by the unpredictable bounce of the ball, rather than skilful play. And there's the risk of serious injury to key players, which can put them out of action for matches at the start of the

RAY CLEMENCE

talking soccer

Then it'll be home for Christmas dinner, watching what I eat and drink, before packing my kit and reporting to Anfield, where I'll board a coach to take us to the hotel where we'll spend the night.

However, it's a small sacrifice to make for the opportunity of enjoying all the good things football brings to those at the top of the profession.

The Christmas period will be a vital time for all clubs, as the results gained could make a big difference to their League aims, whether they be chasing Championships or fighting relegation. Although it's not as crucial as Easter when, with only a few games to play before the end of the season, points dropped cannot

'To become the first British club to win the European Cup twice'



11-0 for 'Pool

As Liverpool are our top club today, could you tell me their record victory and defeat?

MARTIN CASSERLEY,
TOOTING

• Best win, Martin, came in the Cup-Winners' Cup on 17th September, 1974. Then they beat the Norwegian side Stromsgodset 11-0 in the home leg, with no less than nine players — Lindsay (pen), Boersma (2), Thompson (2), Heighway, Cormack, Hughes, Callaghan, Smith, and Kennedy — getting on the scoresheet.

'Pool's worst setback was a 9-1 Second Division drubbing at Birmingham on 11th December, 1954.

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Quick-fire

Clough

How did Brian Clough make out as a player, please?

MICHAEL STIMMINGS,
HARTEPOOL

• Not too badly, Michael! In fact in those days "Cloughie's" feet did a lot of impressive talking for him.

Before injury sadly cut short his trail of goals for good while at his peak, he averaged almost a goal-a-game — 251 in 274 League games for Middlesbrough and Sunderland.

Which means that, when he talks about goalscoring, Brian Clough really knows what he's on about.

Newcastle in the lead

I know Aston Villa have won the F.A. Cup more times than any other club, but which one has played in the most Finals?

MICHAEL PRIAUX,
PLYMOUTH

• Well, Michael, Villa themselves have played in nine — including their record seven victories — but they still only come third in the number of Final appearances.

Both Newcastle (11 appearances; six wins), and West Bromwich (ten appearances; five wins), are ahead of Villa there.

BE WORTH WAITING FOR'

John Robertson scores Nottingham Forest's second goal against Aston Villa earlier this season.



New Year.

Due to the unpredictable weather — and some players finding the temptation to over-indulge in food and drink and late nights too strong to resist — there are always more shock results than at Easter time.

Since I've been at Anfield there have been no sensational upsets, although in the early Sixties Liverpool had a disastrous Boxing Day at White Hart Lane against Spurs, when they were flattened 7-1.

The following day, though, they redeemed themselves by beating Spurs 5-1 at Anfield.

For this Boxing Day the League computer which arranges the fixtures has dealt us what can now be regarded as our toughest away match so far this season. We travel to City Ground, home of Nottingham Forest, those unexpected League leaders.

Very few people — even the most die-hard Forest fan — expected Brian Clough's team to reach the top spot and hold it for so long. It's a tribute not only to that successful partnership of Mr. Clough and his right-hand man Peter Taylor, but to

'We must first match Nottingham Forest for effort'

everyone in the club.

The team has handed out several hidings, notably to Everton (3-1), Derby (3-0), Ipswich (4-0), Middlesbrough (4-0), neighbours Notts County (4-0 in the League Cup) and Aston Villa (4-2, also in the League Cup). At the moment they are top scorers and have a goal difference that must give them the title should they finish level top on points.

I've not yet played against them, but judging by reports I've heard from players who have, and seeing their televised games, it's going to be very difficult to come away with even a point from the City Ground.

The players are prepared to run till they drop for Mr. Clough and Mr. Taylor.

After West Bromwich Albion had managed to come away with a nil-nil draw, thanks mainly to a superb

display from 'keeper Tony Godden, their captain John Wile remarked: "If you don't match Forest 100 per cent for effort, then you don't stand a chance of getting a result."

That's something Liverpool certainly can do, so it'll be a question of which side has the most skill.

Without being arrogant, I feel our history of success in Championships and Cups, testifies we possess the necessary superiority in talent.

I imagine there'll be a full house — Forest's biggest so far — for the visit of the current Champions. In fact, it's likely to be a lock-out due to the match being staged on Boxing Day, a time when tradition ensures big turn-outs.

When there was first talk of the possibility of Brian Clough leaving for the England manager's post he appealed to the fans to show in a positive way they wanted him to stay, by buying up season tickets. And they certainly responded, according to reports.

He's also campaigned for a certain section to cut out obscene chants, something which spoils the atmosphere on so many grounds,

and such is their respect for the man they have done so.

I don't expect fans to sing Christmas carols — although that would be a nice seasonal touch — but chants don't have to be offensive, as our own Kop has demonstrated over the years.

After the Forest match, it'll be on to our coach to be taken to an hotel on the outskirts of Liverpool, where we'll spend Boxing night.

Then, after a light lunch on Tuesday, to Anfield for a game against another promoted side, Wolves, who unlike Forest have found it hard going in the First Division.

The approach to the game by both teams could be influenced by the previous day's result. A space of 24 hours makes it hard to recover from a bad one.

At least, if we fail to do well at Forest, we've got the Kop to come home to, and they always lift us.

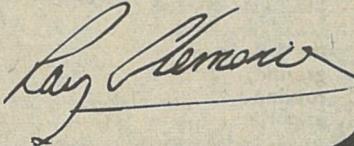
Wolves have made so many changes since I last played against them, in 1975-76 season, they are something of a mystery. Although we know John Richards is a quick and deadly striker with the ball in the penalty-box.

However, one of our "backroom boys", Rueben Bennett, will be running the rule over Wolves when they play Leeds United on Boxing Day and we'll be well-briefed after our manager Bob Paisley has studied his report.

I'll be very interested to study new signing from Blackburn Rovers, Paul Bradshaw, in action in goal at the opposite end, to see whether he lives up to the promise he showed in training sessions with England.

Obviously I'd like us to pick up four points over Christmas, but three should more than make up for missing out on all the celebrations.

Have a Happy Christmas.
Meet me next week, same place



Togetherness

I'd like to know the least number of players a Football League side has called on in a single season?

**BRAD JUSTICE,
NOTTINGHAM**

• Fourteen is the record "low", Brad — all Liverpool needed to call on when they won the League title in 1965-66.

Amongst their five ever-presents with 42 games each were a couple of evergreens (or "ever-Reds"?) still going strong today — Ian Callaghan and Tommy Smith.

At the other end of the scale, three clubs — Coventry and Sheffield Wednesday in 1919-20; and Hull in 1946-47 — all used as many players as they played League games ... 42!

SHORT PASSES

• Ray Wilkins gained his first full international cap in the 3-2 victory over Italy in New York on 28th May, 1976.

(DAVID OVERTON, Welwyn)

• Jimmy Greaves holds the seasonal League scoring record for both Chelsea (41 goals; 1960-61) and Spurs (37 goals; 1962-63).

(MAURICE BROWNE, Dublin)

• Manchester United's scorers in the 1968 European Cup Final were Charlton (two), Best, and Kidd; Graca replying for Benfica.

(MICHAEL BREWERTON, Oxford)

• Aston Villa were the first League Cup-winners in 1961, beating Rotherham 3-2 on aggregate in the home-and-away Final.

(ANDREW BLANCH, Norwich)

• Everton were founded in 1878, and Liverpool in 1892.

(PETRI BROMS, Finland)

• Duncan McKenzie scored 27 goals in his 66 League games for Leeds.

*(MARK MILES,
Gloucestershire)*

Former glory

Have any clubs now in the Fourth Division ever won the F.A. Cup?

**NICHOLAS EVANS,
BOURNEMOUTH**

• Yes, a couple have, Nicholas — in their "bigger" days, of course.

Barnsley beat West Bromwich 1-0 (after a 0-0 draw) in the 1912 Final, and were also runners-up two years earlier. Huddersfield beat Preston 1-0 in the 1922 Final, and were runners-up four times — in 1920, 1928, 1930, and 1938.

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

Strong man Hollins

QUEENS PARK RANGERS manager Frank Sibley drastically re-shaped his side in a bid to lift them away from the foot of the First Division earlier this season.

Established stars were dropped — or sold — as Sibley ruthlessly sought all out endeavour from his players.

But John Hollins (featured in colour on our back page) survived the turmoil and emerged as Rangers' real strong man during a difficult period.

The veteran Hollins switched from midfield to the back-four and was such a big influence on the side he was made skipper.

All Rangers' fans are grateful for the part Hollins played to steer the club through a crisis.

Yet anyone who knows him will not be in the least surprised. For Hollins — one of the quietest and most likeable men in the game — is also one of the most honest and could never forgive himself if he gave less than 100% effort.

GRAHAM SMITH — who quit League football 18 months ago to join the sportswear company Adidas — found himself back in the big time last month.

Smith was pressed into action by one of his former clubs, Cambridge, who had a goalkeeper crisis.

And of all the games to come back in Smith made his return in the F.A. Cup, helping Cambridge to a comfortable 2-0 win at Lowestoft.

PETER TAYLOR, fast regaining his England form with Spurs, confesses to a personal ambition this season . . . to score his first hat-trick. "I've never managed one yet and I'm hoping to break my duck this time," he says.

READING are the latest club to prove that bargain players can be snapped up from outside the Football League.

They pulled off a great stroke of business by paying Isthmian League neighbours Slough Town £5,000 for midfield man Roy Davies.

In no time at all Davies was in the first team and playing brilliantly as Reading put together a string of impressive results to go surging up the Fourth Division table.

LIKE MOST little boys, Michael Macari (pictured right), likes playing cowboys especially Argentine cowboys (gauchos).

And his dad, Scotland and Manchester United star Lou Macari really likes his style.

No sooner were the Scots assured of a place in next year's World Cup Finals than four-year-old Michael was given an early Christmas present — a Gauchito outfit.

Gauchito, the little cowboy from the Pampas, is the official 1978 World Cup mascot — the modern version of old World Cup Willie.

For millions around the world, this sunny smiler captures the football festival of Argentina in June.

But for now, Michael is happy enough with a game all of his own.

Not that he runs short of playmates with dad's Scotland pals around — Asa Hartford and Willie Donachie, of Manchester City.

LIVERPOOL's recovery, sparked off with that 4-0 win at Leicestershire, was also highlighted by their 4,000th First Division goal, it was their fourth, scored by Terry McDermott.

But — before Anfield fans get too excited — the high-scoring list is headed by Everton with more than 4,800 League goals.

NOVEMBER TRANSFERS

Viv Busby (Norwich to Stoke)
Paul Clark (Southend to Brighton)
Terry Curran (Nottingham F.C. to Derby)
Wayne Entwistle (Bury to Sunderland)
Gerry Fell (Brighton to Southend)
Brian Flynn (Burnley to Leeds)
Graham Franklin (Lowestoft to Southend)
Dave Goodwin (Stoke to Mansfield)
Brian Hall (Plymouth to Burnley)
Billy Holmes (Wimbledon to Hereford)
Steve Kindon (Wolves to Burnley)
Tommy McClenathan (Larne to Watford)
Billy McEwan (Mansfield to Peterborough)
Mel Machin (Norwich to Mansfield)
Dave McNicoll (Montrose to Hearts)
Teddy Maybank (Fulham to Brighton)
Richard Money (Scunthorpe to Fulham)
Alex O'Hara (Rangers to Partick)
Brian Pollard (York to Watford)
Bruce Rioch (Everton to Derby)
Trevor Ross (Arsenal to Everton)
Geoff Salmons (Stoke to Leicester)
Martin Sperrin (Edgware to Luton)
Brian Stein (Edgware to Luton)
Steve Yates (Leicester to Southend)

MANAGERS ON THE MOVE

Richard Dinnis sacked as manager of Newcastle U.
Bill McGarry appointed manager of Newcastle
Alan Ball sacked by Halifax T.
Bobby Smith sacked by Bury . . .
Bob Stokoe appointed Bury manager
Bobby Smith appointed manager Port Vale
Don Megson resigned from Bristol R. and appointed coach to Portland Timbers (USA)
Charlie Wright resigned as Bolton coach to take over as manager of York C.

PROGRAMME FAIR

THE IVANHOE HOTEL, Bloomsbury Street, London W.C.1. (two minutes from Tottenham Court Road tube station), is the venue for an enormous display of football programmes, on New Year's Day, Sunday January 1st.

Visitors to **THE GIANT NEW YEAR PROGRAMME FAIR** will see a fascinating exhibition that includes rare programmes, badges, team shirts and England caps.

There will also be programmes on sale . . . many at bargain prices.

The Fair is open from 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Admission (by programme at the door) is just 30p for adults and 20p children.



307 GAMES~ NO GOALS

ONE WOLVES PLAYER who would like to lose a record is defender John McAlle. At the end of November this year, he had played 307 League matches and was still waiting for his first League goal!

It is unique these days — goalkeepers excepted — for any player to have played for so long without scoring.

But John, pictured above heading clear v. Aston Villa, can look back on one golden spell. In the course of six weeks in 1971, he scored three goals.

John netted in a League Cup match v. Manchester City and in each leg of a

U.E.F.A. Cup game against Academica Coimbra of Portugal.

Adds John: "I come in for a lot of leg-pulling for not scoring more goals."

"I think it has just been accepted I cannot score goals and it is left at that. I couldn't really tell you any reason why I don't score goals."

"But the type of role I have played since I arrived at Molineux has always been in the centre of defence and you don't get many opportunities to score goals from there."

MILLWALL'S XMAS RECRUIT

PIN-UP BOY for the pupils of Ewell County School is their P.E. teacher Ian Pearson. But they will be losing him at the end of the term.

Reason is that Ian is one of the Millwall strikers and he is going full-time professional with the Second Division club during the Christmas holidays.

Signed from Isthmian Leagues Wycombe Wanderers during the sum-

mer for a modest £6,000, he has already proved his worth by scoring some crucial goals and linking well with John Seasman to harry the opposing defenders.

Another recent recruit to the full time ranks at The Den is goalkeeper Nicky Johns. This 20-year-old, who at 6ft. 3in. is the tallest man on the playing staff, also cost £6,000 when he signed from Minehead last year.

He has been serving an engineering apprenticeship and his training in judging fine distances should stand him in good stead between the posts. Nicky has already proved a more than able stand-in when Ray Goddard, Lions' regular 'keeper, was injured at the beginning of the season.

BRYAN KING, the former Millwall and Coventry City goalkeeper who had to retire through injury, has been appointed manager-coach of FK. Jerv in Norway. Bryan has signed a two-year contract worth £35,000 to take over the Third Division club in Southern Norway.

Bryan told SHOOT: "It is a great club with a fine set-up. There are eight teams here, ranging from the seniors to the youngsters."

"I am also looking for four young English players to join me at the club. I need two midfield men, a central-defender and a striker."

ANOTHER vigorous training session ends at Aldershot's Recreation Ground. The warm bath be-
koning brief respite for tired and
aching bodies frustrated with Cup
failure. Slowly, in ones and twos,
the damp-haired figures emerge
from the changing rooms, under
darkened stands and stroll across
to the car park, the job for the day
over. Promotion is now the
number one priority.

Familiar surroundings and a regular routine for pacey Scots striker, Murray Brodie. At 27, he's Aldershot's longest-serving player now inching towards a personal landmark — 300 appearances and a hopeful return to Division Three. Both targets a distinct possibility. Considering he arrived in 1970, unimpressed, and as a disillusioned makeweight in a £50,000 transfer deal (ironically involving present skipper Joe Jopling).

He recalled: "I hated the place. I thought I'd see the season through and then move on. Such a change from the club I left, Leicester City. There you trained at the ground, used an indoor gymnasium, received fresh kit each day. You felt like a big time footballer."

In those early days, alone, it took a while to settle in. Later, however, marriage to Jill, a Leicester lass, helped establish a home and friendships developed. Today, together with 3-year old daughter, Emma, the Brodies live happily in nearby Cove.

Said he: "We are very happy and contented here and now regard the area very much our home. Our roots are firmly based here."

LOYAL MURRAY-WORTH A MINT

His own skilful contribution has been significant. Used as a flanker, man, striker or in midfield his intelligent reading of a game, not always understood by terrace 'know-all's,' is nevertheless appreciated at the club.

Not a ball artist, rarely will he beat an opponent with a lazy inside swerve. More likely he will depend on a trusty left foot edging the ball forward to teasingly invite the desperate lunge of a defender. Then, with an outside flick and instant acceleration he's away.

He exclaimed: "Tactically I probably contribute more now. I can size up situations and can move into midfield for a spell. My strength is speed off the mark, running at people. But I know my weaknesses. I'm not a cool finisher, I tend to be involved in the build up near goal, laying it off rather than putting it away."

Well qualified

Having experienced promotion and relegation, served under three managers and seen a host of players come and go at Aldershot, he is well qualified to speak with some authority on The Shots.

"The promotion side of 1972/3 was built on a strong defence. Grummett, Dean, Walden, Walker. Today the team is a carbon copy of that. We play the same system. The basis is soundness at the back. At the moment though we're all

eager and keen and possibly lack calmness.

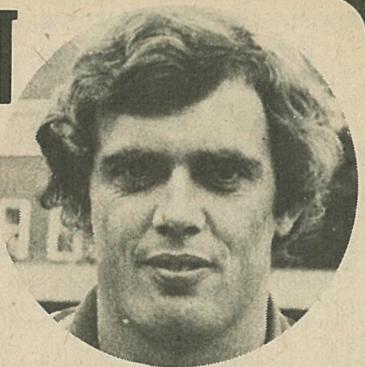
"The attitude is right. Even in training players will have a go at each other for not pulling their weight. We've a squad of 19 lads prepared to work for each other. Looking back we've not had exceptional players here. In fact some years before it had been a place for 'over the hill' footballers.

"The chaps now are much more dedicated and mix well. The manager Tommy Mac — as good as I have played under, his ideas on coaching and team play are sound — has brought new players to this club who have fitted in and get on with each other. That's important."

He speaks well of Aldershot, its smiling coach, John Anderson and admits to a happy working relationship with the boss, Tommy McAnearney. A fanatical Glasgow Rangers fan, not unnaturally he speaks with reverence of the great "Slim Jim" Baxter. On a couple of occasions Murray might have moved on. There were a few enquiries but nothing transpired.

Leaving Leicester, he recalls what Malcolm Musgrove said to him. "Look son, there's a reasonable living to be had in the lower Divisions." Deep down he still cherishes the chance of playing in the First. If only to prove himself.

Meanwhile it's Fourth Division grounds up and down the country

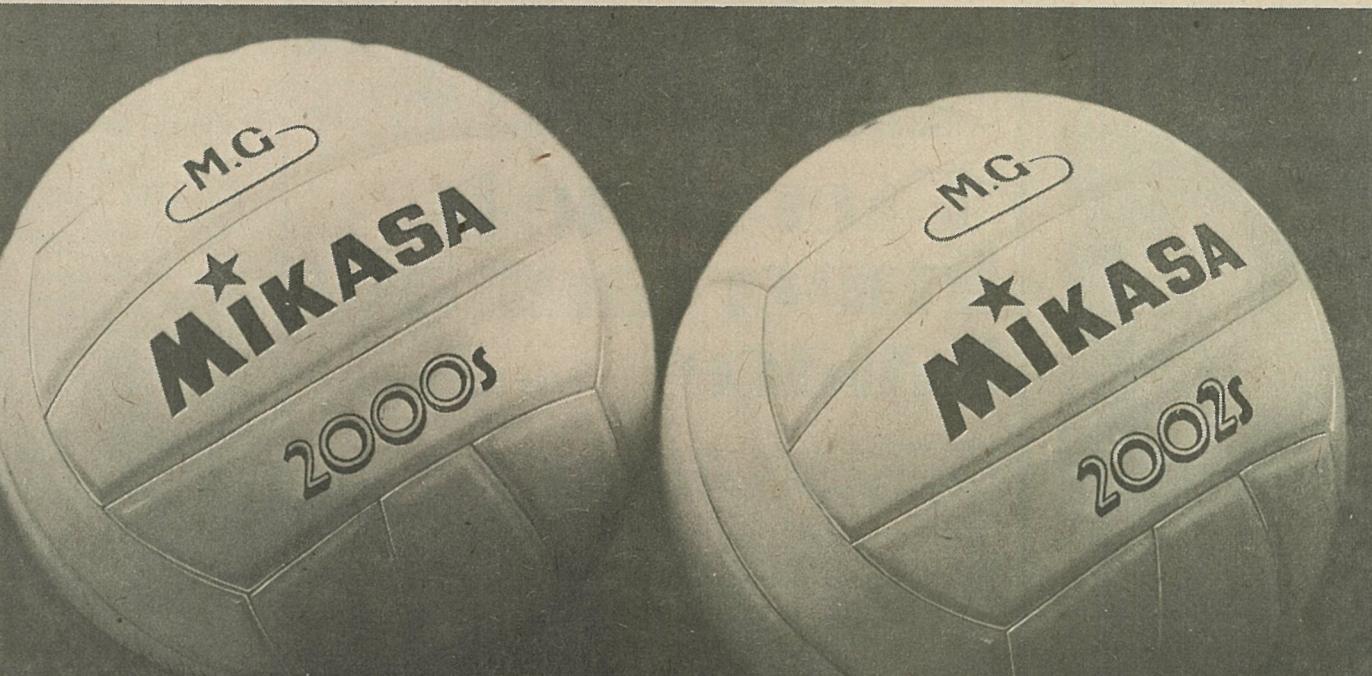


maintaining their prominent position. He said: "We are treated well travel-wise also. We stay invariably at good hotels. Best in the Fourth and probably in the Third too. That's a good commendation for a little club like ours."

But he will always remember that blow at Leicester when Frank O'Farrell said he wanted him to go to Aldershot — or else he wouldn't get a game even in the Reserves. "I didn't want to go there. He insisted.

"I had played three games for the first team and scored two goals. Even then I thought it was a straight swop. Me for Joe Jopling until I got the Leicester Mercury later that afternoon and found it was a £50,000 deal with me and Jim Burt at £10,000 each!"

With a grin he then joked: "Joe and I slept in the same bed. I cleared out of the digs in the morning and Joe moved into my bed that evening."

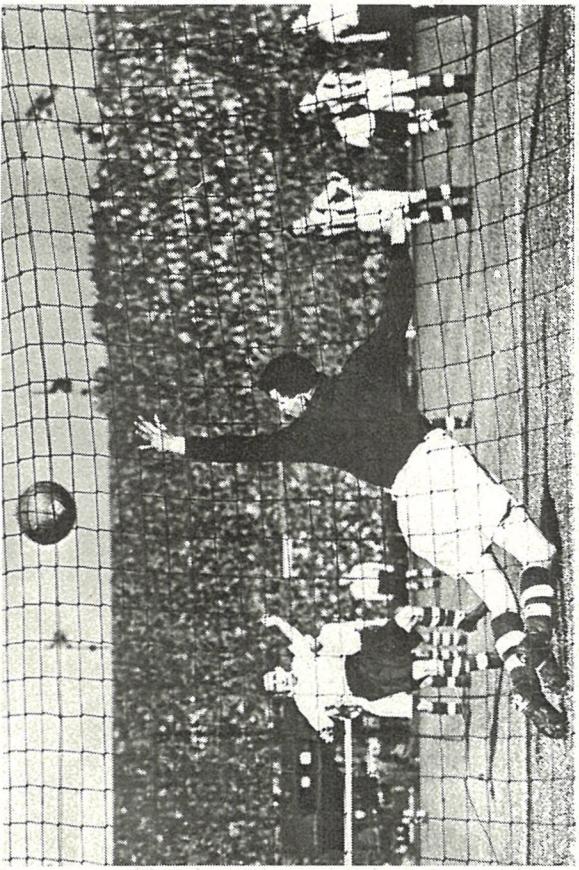


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Sensational goals



Preston's George Mutch slams home the penalty-kick that beat Huddersfield in the 1938 F.A. Cup Final.

'LAW CHANGE' GOAL

A change in the Laws enabled Cardiff City's Willie Davies to score one of the most dramatic goals in his club's history, a goal which put them into the Semi-Finals of the F.A. Cup in 1925 and led to them reaching the Cup Final for the first time in their history. It was in a Fourth Round (present Sixth Round) tie with Leicester City that Willie Davies got his remarkable match-winner.

With less than a minute to go the teams were level at one goal each, but then Willie took a corner-kick and it curled right in under the bar.

Even Davies didn't really believe that he had scored until he was mobbed by teammates and supporters. The previous season a goal would not have been allowed but the Law had been changed to permit goals to be scored direct from corner-kicks.

FASTESEST-EVER

One of the most controversial goalscoring records in the game's history is that which credits the fastest-ever goal to Bradford's centre-forward Jim Fryatt. It is claimed that when this player opened the scoring in a 4-2

Fourth Division victory for Bradford over Tranmere Rovers he got his goal only four seconds after the kick-off. Even Bradford manager Jimmy Scouler found it difficult to believe this claim but the referee, Mr. R. J. Simons of Carlisle, insisted that his watch showed it to have been four seconds!

REVENGE

The first occasion extra-time was needed to decide an F.A. Cup Final at Wembley produced one of the most dramatic goals ever seen in this series of games. It was in 1938 and Preston North End, who had been beaten in the previous season's Cup Final (3-1 by Sunderland), were engaged in a close-fought tussle with Huddersfield Town.

There was no score after 90 minutes and with little more than a minute left of extra-time neither side had been able to break the deadlock, but then it happened.

Preston's inside-right, George Mutch, was going through with the ball when he was brought down by centre-half, Alf Young, just inside the penalty-area. While everyone held his breath, George Mutch placed the ball on the penalty spot and drove it into the Huddersfield net off the underside of the bar. Preston had not only won with a goal in the dying seconds but by a remarkable coincidence they had avenged a Cup Final defeat by Huddersfield Town in 1922 when they had also got the only goal from the penalty spot.

English caps

PRE-WAR 'GREAT'

England's greatest international before the War, from the point of view of the number of caps, was Bob Crompton the Blackburn Rovers full-back. An outstanding personality both on and off the field, Crompton missed only five of England's 45 games between making his debut against Germany in 1901 (not always recognised as a full international) and his last appearance — against Scotland in April, 1914.

His total of appearances in full internationals was 42. Crompton created a sensation when he broke the previous record held by Steve Bloomer.

That great goalscorer had played 23 times for England in the days when these games were restricted to only three per season against Scotland, Ireland and Wales, but on March 13th, 1911, in an international played on Millwall's new ground at New Cross, Crompton made his 24th appearance with England beating Wales 3-0.

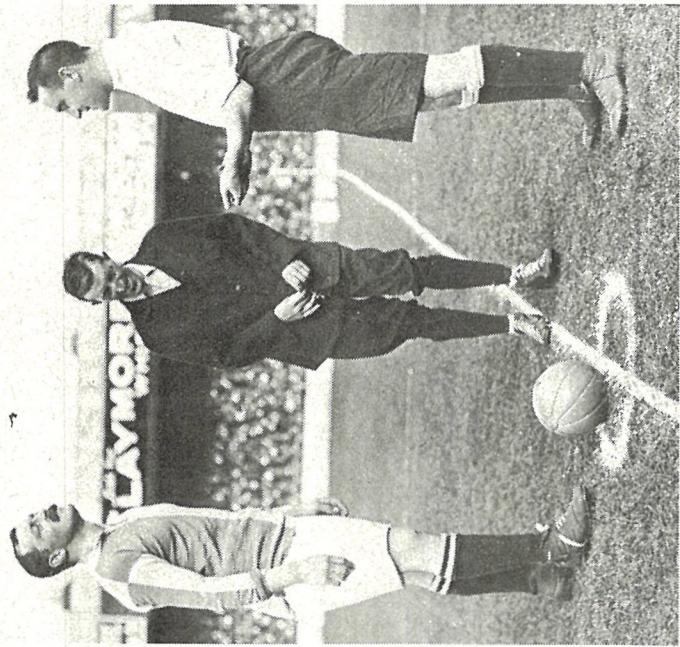
He finished that season with 25 appearances and at Blackburn on June 15th, 1911, his feat was commemorated with the presentation to him by the F.A. of "a fine photographic enlargement of himself in a hand-some gold frame."

SIX FROM ARSENAL

Although Arsenal's record of having seven of their players in an England team (v. Italy, at Highbury, November 14th, 1934) is well-known, it did not cause quite such a stir at the time because internationals against foreign sides in those days were still not so highly rated, and because it was perhaps not surprising to see the club on whose home ground the game was being played favoured by the selectors.

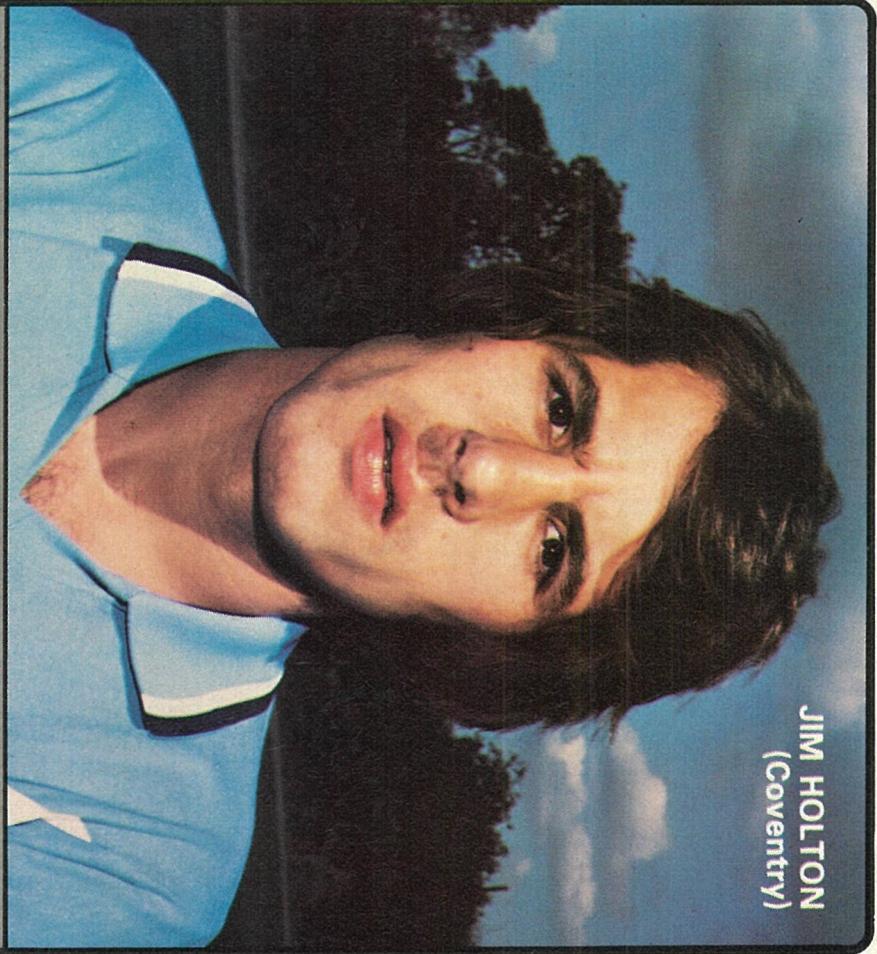
It is also worth noting that two of the Arsenal representatives on that occasion were as the result of late changes through others being unfit. The first time as many as six players from one club were included in an England team in the British Championship was perhaps more significant and still stands as a record for these games.

This was for the meeting with Wales at Wolverhampton on February 5th, 1936, when in a "sea of mud" Wales won 2-1. On this occasion, England who lost their centre-forward Ted Drake with an injury just before the interval, included six players from Arsenal — full-backs George Male and Eddie Hapgood, right-half Jack Clayton, and forwards Raymond Bowden, Ted Drake and Cliff Bastin.



Bob Crompton (left), one of England's finest ever internationals, meets Spurs captain Danny Steele before an F.A. Cup tie at White Hart Lane in 1912.

JIM HOLTON
(Coventry)



'LEG BREAK' SCOTLAND HERO

BIG Jim Holton, all 13½ stone of him, is a big, tough guy. From his wholehearted style of play, he looks as if he might be bionic — but, unfortunately for him, he isn't.

His legs break — twice in quick succession

while at Old Trafford — and have played a major role in re-shaping his football life.

But stopper Holton doesn't only prevent goals; he sometimes scores them.

Like that memorable night in September, 1973, which made him the toast of Glasgow when his scorching headed goal in the crucial 2-1 victory over Czechoslovakia ensured Scotland's place in the following year's World Cup Finals.

But, a few months after establishing his international reputation with storming World Cup ties, things began to turn sour.

In December, 1974, he broke a leg v. Sheffield Wednesday. He came back for the start of the following season — but, before he had a chance to regain full match-fitness, the same leg snapped in a United reserve game.

Again, Holton had to endure the long process of rehabilitation — by which time Tommy Docherty's approach had changed to a much more attacking policy.

He went to America and, when he returned, Sunderland took him on a month's loan before paying £80,000 for him.

But it never really worked out and, after only 15 League games, he went on to Coventry in March for half that fee.

Now Big Jim says: "I see Coventry as a complete fresh start. They're a progressive club and, as I'm still only 25, there should be a few good years ahead of me."

'MR. EVER-PRESENT'

RECENT history has hardly been kind to York City. For the second season running their supporters have seen the club relegated.

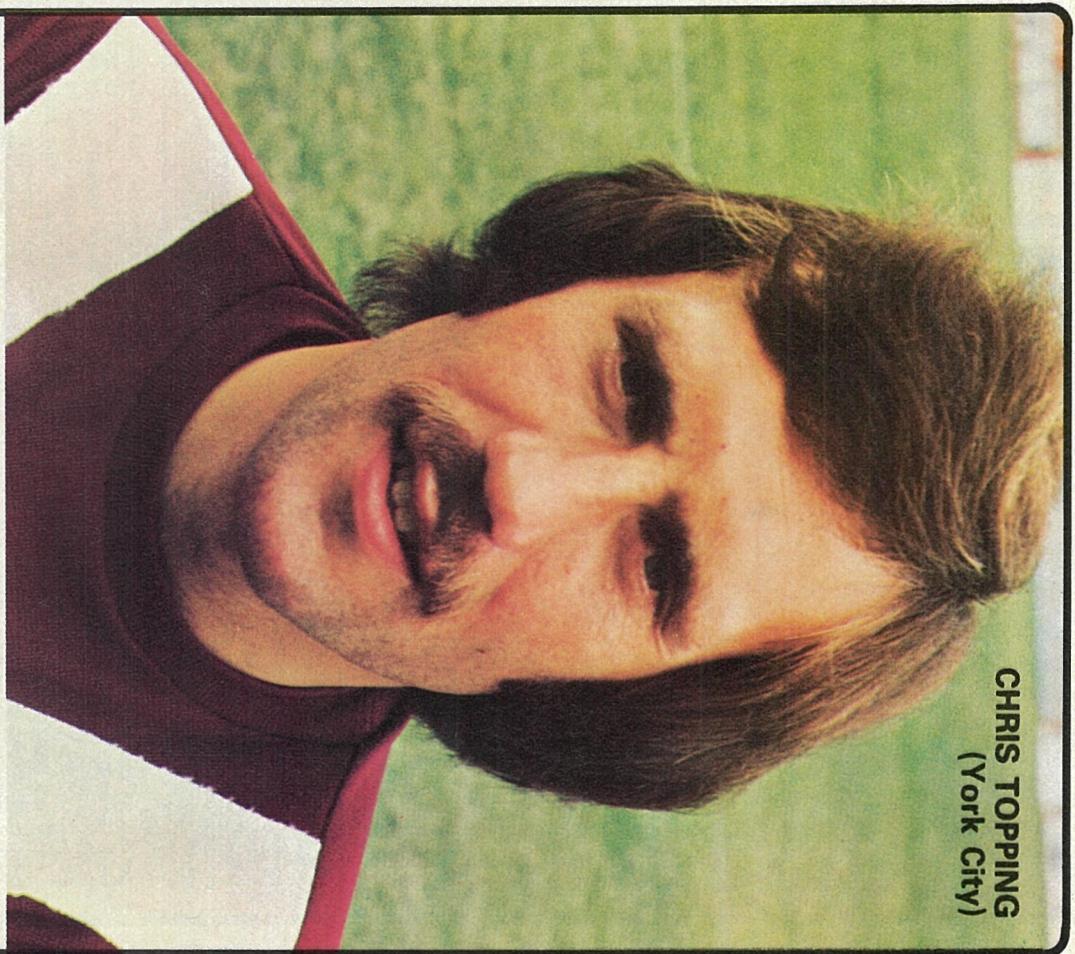
First from the Second Division in 1975-76, then a season later came the hardest blow of all as York went straight down to the Fourth.

But surviving it all has been York defender Chris Topping. Chris has also seen the good times at Bootham Crescent. He has been with the club since they won promotion from the Third to the Second Division. And that is

where the sensation is — because starting with the game at home to Chester on September 12th, 1970, Chris had been an ever-present up to the start of this season. And this term Chris has shown no slackening of form as York strive for the good times again.

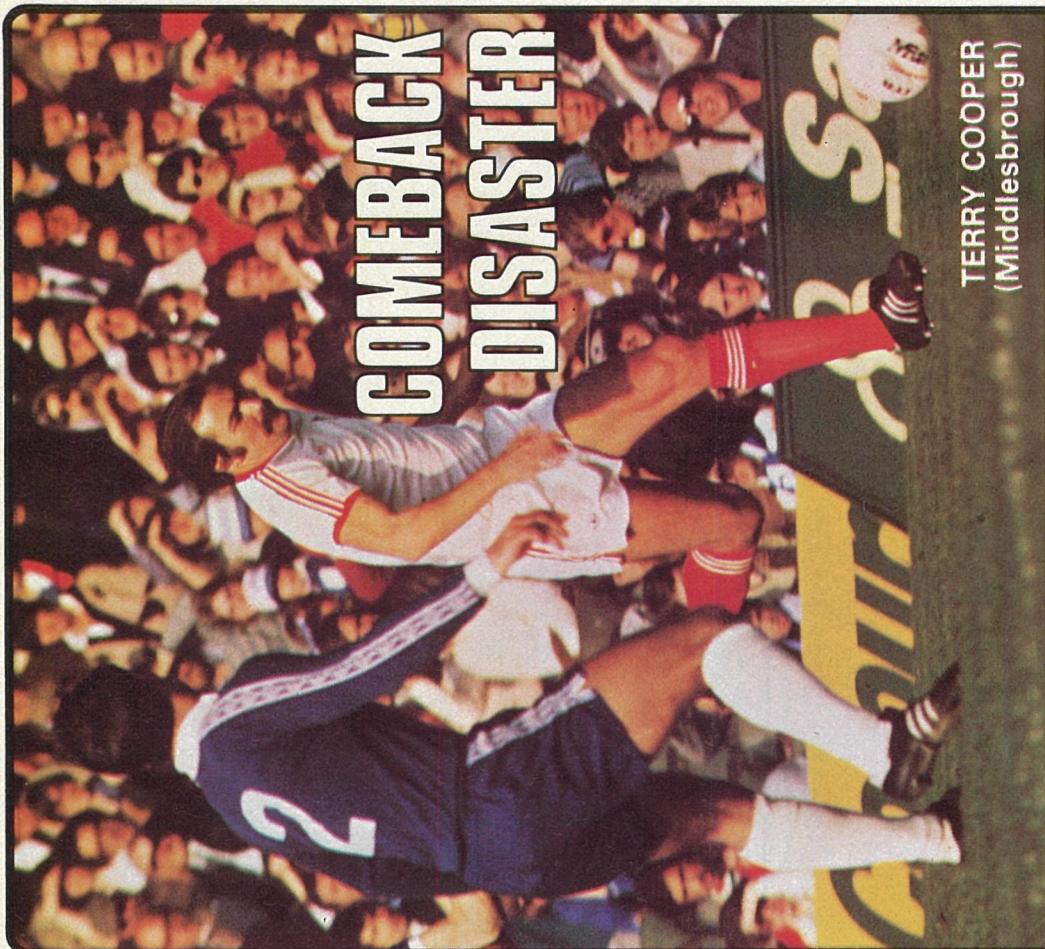
No other current player in the Football League can equal Chris Topping's record of consistency. With York twice being relegated it says a lot for his high standard of play that he has managed to keep his place in the first team.

CHRIS TOPPING
(York City)





DAVID WAGSTAFFE
(Blackburn Rovers)



COME BACK DISASTER

TERRY COOPER
(Middlesbrough)

THEY say "they never come back" in football. Sometimes someone like Ian Callaghan proves the exception to the rule — but that rule is usually true.

In recent years, England have had no more cool and cultured defender than Terry Cooper, one of the top stars of the all-conquering Leeds side of the late 1960's and early 1970's.

Raised one of the world's soundest in his position, he'd played 19 times for England before, in April, 1972, breaking a leg in a League game at Stoke.

Cooper eventually made it back to the

recall, at the age of 30, in November, 1974. For the vital European Championship tie with Portugal at Wembley, Don Revie decided to go back to Leeds for his reliable "old boy".

Despite not looking 100 per cent match-fit, Cooper started almost where he'd left off — but, in the 23rd minute, personal disaster struck.

And a recurrence of injury caused him sadly to hobble back to the dressing-room, looking as if he knew this really was the finish of a fine international career.

He was replaced by Colin Todd, who in a disappointing 0-0 draw, went on to play the game of his life — as the man whom manager Revie admitted was the only player to show his true form that night.

'DOUBLE' WRECKERS

WOLVES versus Leeds United, Molineux, May 8th, 1972 . . . this game turned out to be one of the most controversial in recent times.

Leeds had just beaten Arsenal in the F.A. Cup Final at Wembley, thanks to a superb headed goal by Allan Clarke.

Now, they could emulate The Gunners by winning the Double, provided they drew with Wolves. Most fans thought mighty Leeds could do it, with their confidence sky-high after their Wembley win.

But, as happened so often, Leeds fell

down at the final hurdle. The Double was there for the taking, but Wolves, inspired by the wing wizardry of David Wagstaffe and the goals of Frank Munro and Derek Dougan, stole the limelight.

Since the match, which ended 2-1, there have been allegations of bribery and such allegations left a nasty slight on the game of football.

The allegations were mainly aimed at Don Revie who, just before they were published, sensationally quit the England job to move to the United Arab Emirates.

Scottish caps

CAPTAIN SIX SEASONS

Before the War the original "Wee Blue Devil", Alan Morton of Rangers, one of the greatest outside-lefts in the game's history, created a Scottish record by appearing in 31 internationals for his country. When he made his last appearance in a 3-1 victory over France in Paris in May, 1952 (his only game against a foreign country) it seemed unlikely that his record would ever be beaten. As it was, another 20 years had elapsed before that total of 31 was exceeded and the man who did it was another great Rangers' stalwart, right-back George Young.

His 32nd appearance for Scotland in a full international was against Denmark in Copenhagen, May 25th, 1952, when Scotland won 2-1. A giant among tough full-backs, George Young captained Scotland for six consecutive seasons 1948 to 1953 and went on to make 53 appearances for his country.



LAW-'BREAKER'

The man who subsequently appeared most likely to overtake George Young's international record was Denis Law, but when he dropped out of the Scottish side after 49 appearances in 1972 and missed all of their games in season 1972-73, it began to look as if this was one record that he would miss. Fortunately for Scotland, Denis Law was recalled for that sensational World Cup victory over Czechoslovakia when Scotland won 2-1 at Hampden to qualify for the Finals in Munich.

That was a night to remember, and after his personal triumph in that game the inimitable Denis Law went on to break Young's record with his 54th appearance — against Northern Ireland at Hampden Park, May 11th, 1974.

But for Law's record, however, that was a game the Scots prefer to forget because they were beaten 1-0. Denis Law made his 55th and final Scottish appearance a month later in Dortmund when Scotland beat Zaire 2-0 in a World Cup game.

ANGLO-SCOTS INTRODUCED

In the 1890's there was a good deal of discussion, some of it bitter, about the merits or otherwise of including Anglo-Scots in Scotland's international teams, and the first time that the Scottish F.A. actually selected players from the Football League was for the game against England at Celtic Park, April 4th, 1896.

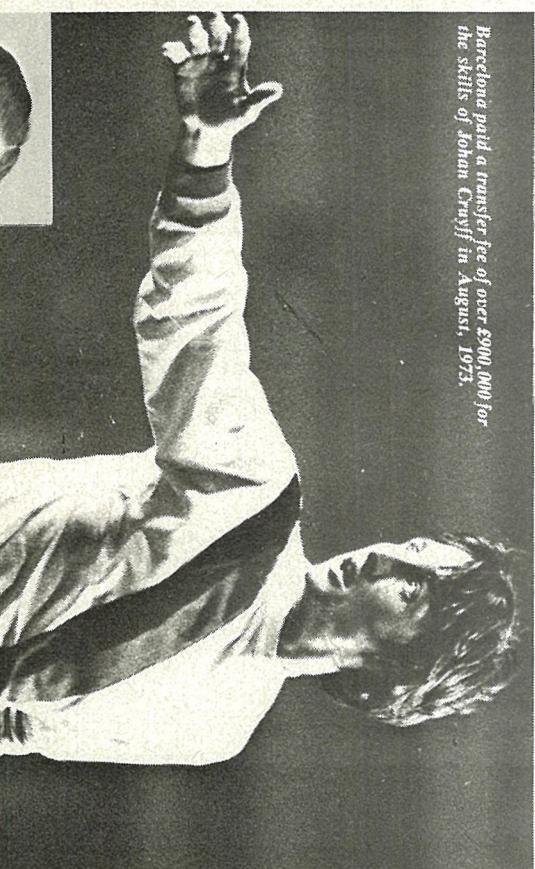
The occasion provided quite a sensation, not only because of the Anglo-Scots in the home side but also because of the scenes of violence among the record crowd of nearly 57,000 which overspilled on to the pitch. The gates were shut shortly before the kick-off with something like 10,000 fans locked out.

The first Football League players to be capped for Scotland in this game were Sunderland's goalkeeper, Ted Doig, Blackburn Rovers left-back, Tommy Brandon, Aston Villa centre-half, Jimmy Cowan, Stoke centre-forward, Tom Hyslop, and John Bell, who played in almost any forward position for Everton but came in at outside-left on this occasion. The introduction of these Anglo-Scots appeared to have done the trick for Scotland's 2-1 victory was their first against England for nine years.

Alan Morton 'The Wee Blue Devil' of Glasgow Rangers and Scotland in action.

Transfers

Barcelona paid a transfer fee of over £900,000 for the skills of Johan Cruyff in August, 1973.



David Jack (left), cost the first five-figure transfer fee when he was transferred from Bolton to Arsenal in October, 1928.

FIVE FIGURE 'FIRST'

The transfer of David Jack from Bolton Wanderers to Arsenal in October, 1928, really hit the headlines. Bolton were very near the bottom of the First Division at the time and although they made it known that they had players for transfer they certainly had no intention of parting with their star England inside-forward.

However, Arsenal's shrewd manager, Herbert Chapman, badly needed a replacement for the recently retired Charles Buchan and he set his heart on getting David Jack. Bolton tried to dissuade him by asking the previously unheard of amount of £13,000, nearly double the existing record transfer fee, but after nearly 12 hours of negotiating

Chapman got his man for £10,890 — the first five-figure transfer fee in the game's history. David Jack proved his worth by helping Arsenal to win the Football League Championship three times and the F.A. Cup once.

RICHEST CONTRACT

Barcelona shook the whole football world in August, 1973 when they celebrated their 75th anniversary by signing the great Dutch star Johan Cruyff for over £900,000.

Around £500,000 went to Ajax, the club he had helped win the European Cup three seasons in a row, and £400,000 went to Cruyff over a three-year contract period with monthly payments and bonuses to be added. It was the richest contract ever signed by a footballer up to that time.

FOUR MILLION FOR PELE

The Americans are known for doing things in a big way, and June 10th, 1975, was the day they shook the football world when the great Pele signed a contract for the Cosmos, said to be worth over four million dollars. But the man who actually persuaded the Brazilian star to come out of retirement and sign for the American club was an Englishman, Clive Toye, former Daily Express writer who was then general-manager of the

COLIN Addison has earned himself the title of football's miracle-worker for the incredible job he is doing at Newport County.

When Colin took over at Somerton Park last January even his closest friends were forced to question his sanity.

For Newport were well adrift at the foot of the Fourth Division with a miserable eleven points.

They seemed certain to have to apply for re-election for the second successive season and were in such a sorry state it seemed a formality they would be thrown out of the League altogether.

Then 'Fairy Godfather' Addison arrived to wave his magic wand



COLIN ADDISON — working miracles with Newport

over Newport and bring about an incredible transformation.

Newport started putting results together consistently, the gap on the clubs above them gradually closed and suddenly the supreme optimists began to think survival was possible.

The team obviously got the message too. For they grew in confidence all the time and finished the season in blazing style — taking eleven points from their last six games.

This great run hauled them comfortably away from the re-election zone and, as far as County's grateful fans were concerned, put Addison in line for Prime Minister.

How did he do it? What was the secret behind Addison's marvelous achievement of breathing life back into a dying club?

"The first thing to do was to make the players at Newport feel important. That was absolutely vital — because they had watched the good things in the game go to others and were feeling like poor relations," said Addison.

"The club did not have a lot of money — I understood that more than anyone.

"But I still insisted we stayed in decent hotels for lunch before a match, stayed overnight for the really long journeys and fought hard to get the best possible conditions for the players.

"Without that we would have had no chance. If players feel like second class citizens they will play like them and I made it clear from the start we were going to do the very best we could for them.

"When I first joined we had less than 2,000 for my first six home

games in charge. But they gradually nudged up until we hit the jackpot with over 8,000 to see us beat Workington and ensure survival in the last game of the season.

"We are going so well now we fancy ourselves for promotion to the Third Division. But I must be honest and admit I thought long and hard before deciding to take the job when it was offered to me."

Addison, who had spells with Notts County and Durban City after being sensationally sacked by Hereford, was on the dole when the offer came.

And after looking at the Newport set-up he at first thought he would be better off staying on the dole and waiting for something better to come along.

"Newport seemed a dead duck. There looked no way they could get out of trouble," explained Addison. Yet there was something about them that appealed to me.

"For one thing if I could make a go of it there, then surely I could make a go of it anywhere.

"It was a hell of a gamble — but I decided to take it, even though the money was not great. I took the job for less than £70 a week — peanuts in view of the responsibil-

ity involved."

Addison's incredible success at Newport has brought offers from other clubs in recent weeks.

Neighbours Swansea wanted him to replace Harry Griffiths. But after another session of soul searching he turned them down. And Port Vale got the same answer when they came for him.

There will be other offers in the future. Some from big clubs he will not be able to turn down. In the meantime he keeps Newport swinging along in a high position they have not experienced for years.

And all the time he can't resist a smug look back to Hereford — and Frank Miles, the chairman who asked him to go after he had played a major part in getting Hereford into the Football League.

It was a move that shocked the hard bitten world of football. And although Addison is still bitter about it he refuses to wash the dirty linen in public:

"Let's just say I was surprised, and disappointed, to be asked to leave Hereford after all I had helped them to achieve.

"During my time there we established ourselves as the best non-League team in the country, beat Newcastle and held West Ham in the F.A. Cup and finally got into the League with a team that quickly won promotion to the Third Division. So I think I proved myself there."

You certainly did, Colin. And you are held in such high regard at Newport that when you decided to turn down Swansea's offer fans at the next game held up banners proclaiming 'Thanks for staying'.

ANDY NELSON — 'QUIET MAN' getting results for Charlton

YOU seldom hear Andy Nelson's name mentioned when the top jobs in football come up for grabs.

But that's a situation that is soon likely to change. For Nelson is rapidly establishing himself as one of the most outstanding bosses in the business.

His Charlton team are among the best — and certainly the brightest — in the Second Division. And he assures us they are getting better all the time.

At home Charlton are almost invincible. They pile forward in attacks of frightening intensity to overwhelm most opponents.

Tottenham and Brighton — two of the Division's more fancied sides — have gone away empty handed from The Valley. And plenty more will go the same way.

And if Charlton had enjoyed more luck away from home they would be right up in the thick of the promotion fight, instead of just on the edge of it.

"We have played really well away from home without getting the results we deserved," claims Nelson. "A classical case was at Bolton, rated the best side in the Division. We were much the better side up there — yet got edged out by the only goal."

Nelson has a thorough pedigree in the game. He began his career at West Ham, skippered Ipswich to a sensational First Division title in 1961 and also played for Orient and Plymouth.

After his playing days ended he had a spell as coach at Millwall before going into management at Gillingham.

He quickly made his mark there, steering them to promotion from

the Fourth Division with a style that brought Charlton in for him three years ago.

And in his first season at The Valley he led Charlton triumphantly into the Second Division.

Now they are emerging as dark horses for a place in the First — a tribute to Nelson's bold, attacking ideas.

"I don't believe in adopting dull, negative tactics. And in my experience players don't enjoy that sort of thing either," says Nelson.

"We have some really good players at the club. They are good lads as well and are all working hard to put Charlton back in the First Division."

One of Charlton's big faults has been a tendency to give goals away too easily. Nelson tightened things up a lot when he bought Alan Dugdale (seen below, signing with Andy Nelson) from Coventry, a couple of months ago.

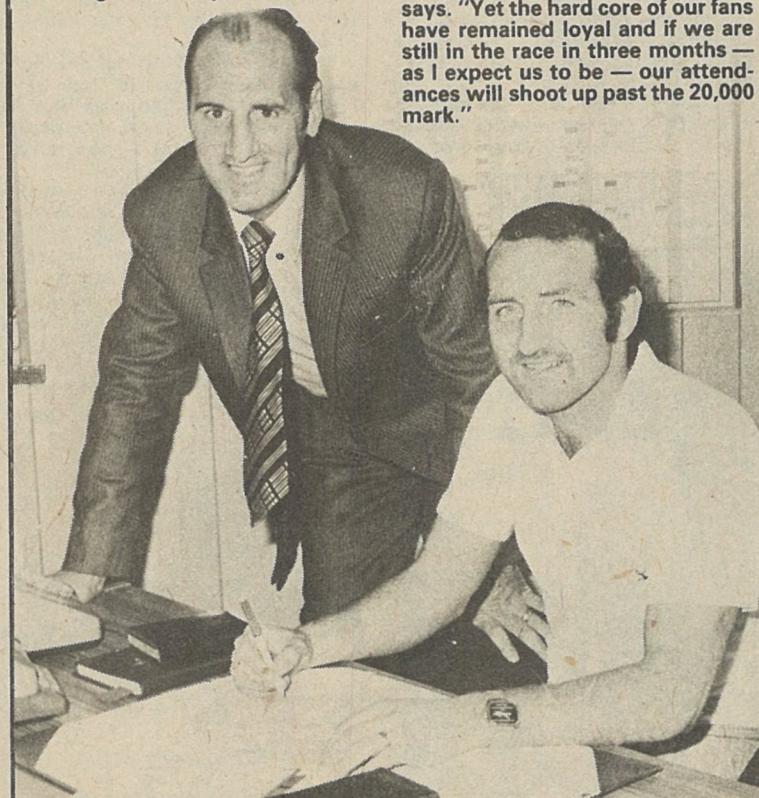
But he had no intention of sitting back smugly thinking his squad is complete. He is still on the lookout for good players and if someone he fancies becomes available he is in a position to move in.

The sale of Derek Hales to Derby last season made the club solvent and ended months of speculation about the ace scorer's future.

Now the talk is of Mike Flanagan — the target of most top clubs. Nelson refuses to be drawn into any discussion — but makes it clear he has no intention of selling any good players.

Yet they still cannot command the gates their attractive football deserves.

"Some of our gates have been disappointing, to say the least," he says. "Yet the hard core of our fans have remained loyal and if we are still in the race in three months — as I expect us to be — our attendances will shoot up past the 20,000 mark."



The start of a four-part series in which SHOOT selects a representative team from each Division of the Football League based on performances so far this season. This week we take a close look at the First Division and the stars who are on . . .

TOP OF



PETER SHILTON (Forest)

T'S A game we all love playing — picking teams.

International sides, Under-21's, World XI's, area representative sides, All-time greats, even our own club sides.

At the end of every season, when the top awards are being handed out, Divisional teams are selected as well — so we thought we'd jump the gun and pick the sides for them based on form so far.

Selection in every Division is extremely open and bound to stimulate argument, but here goes, starting with the First Division.

In goal the standard is as high as ever. Our fellows always make their Continental counterparts

look like dunces when it comes to this department.

It's hard to look beyond our own SHOOT columnist Ray Clemence who is as much on his mettle as ever.

Special mention, too, must be made of those reliable custodians Kevin Keelan, Peter Bonetti and Pat Jennings, all defying age as well as would-be goalscorers.

Jimmy Rimmer has settled in marvellously well at Villa, but we give the vote to another man performing his antics for a new club — PETER SHILTON.

Much of the Nottingham Forest's explosive start to their new First Division life has been due to the man who must be considered so unlucky to be out of the international side at the moment.

At right-back a couple of Irishmen came into the reckoning: Arsenal's dependable captain Pat Rice, and Manchester United's Jimmy Nicholl, who seems to improve with every game. Liverpool's Phil Neal and Viv Anderson of Forest will have their supporters, so will Villa's John Gidman who must surely soon add to the



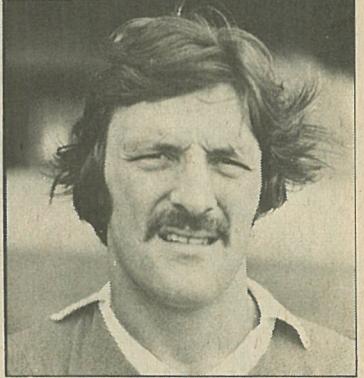
STEVE COPPELL (Man. Utd.)



TREVOR BROOKING (West Ham)



DAVID LANGAN (Derby)



MICKY DROY (Chelsea)

one England cap he has gained so far.

John's darting runs are a joy to watch and if he could learn to add a little variety to his play he would walk into any side.

But we plump for DAVID LANGAN, who before the start of the season had only played 21 games for Derby County. However, his form over the past few months has been so impressive he's undoubtedly the best number two around at the moment.

There are several candidates for the role of central-defender, notably that raw-boned Scot from Leeds Gordon McQueen, who could be one of the stars of next year's World Cup tournament, and young Mark Higgins who has belied his youth with a string of sturdy performances for Everton.

Another contender is Allan Hunter who never wavers at the heart of the Ipswich defence, and Manchester City's England stopper Dave Watson can never be discounted, but our vote goes to Chelsea giant MICKY DROY.

That may seem a trifle odd in view of Chelsea's lowly place in

the table, but Droy is having a first class season, and has improved beyond recognition.

He is now more mobile than ever before while still commanding the area in front of the goal.

Alongside him there is a marvellous list of nominations for the sweeper role — Manchester United's Martin Buchan, that most cultured number six, Droy's regular partner Steve Wicks, back-to-form Colin Todd at Derby, and less heralded players like Tony Powell (Norwich City) and Alistair Robertson (West Brom.).

In the end we chose Leeds United's PAUL MADELEY who doesn't seem to have put a foot wrong for years.

Paul still commands enormous respect in the game, and is just about the perfect professional.

On his left in the back-four we almost went for his old colleague at Leeds Terry Cooper.

That may raise a few eyebrows but judging from reports Terry was playing as well as ever at Middlesbrough before his injury at Everton.

Another full-back who has come



KENNY DALGLISH (Liverpool)

THEIR FORM



PAUL MADELEY (Leeds)

back as good as new after a serious injury is David Nish, now starting every week for Derby.

And a special mention for Colin Sullivan of Norwich.

Finally we selected West Brom star of the future DEREK STATHAM, surely one of the most exciting prospects in that position for years.

So to midfield and an even more difficult choice as you'll realise when you see even in-form internationals Don Masson (Derby), Asa Hartford (Man. City), Martin Dobson (Everton), Gerry Daly (Derby) and Lou Macari (Man. United) can't get in.

Because of the enormous influence he's exerted at Coventry, one of the surprise packets of the season, Wales skipper TERRY YORATH wins a place on the right of the midfield.

A born leader he's playing better than ever and must be rated one of Gordon Milne's best-ever buys.

On the left one has to have great admiration for TREVOR BROOKING who rarely seems to have a bad game no matter how his West Ham colleagues are faring.

A superb match for England

against Italy, proved Trevor has the ability to compete with the best and probably secured his international future. He gets into our team ahead of Ray Wilkins (Chelsea), Tony Currie (Leeds) and Bruce Rioch (Derby).

To back up these two who are great providers we decided to go for a man who has hit peak form recently in the old inside-right position — STEVE COPPELL of Manchester United.

Steve can score goals as well as make them, and judging by his England debut performance against Italy, he could be an international for a long time to come. And so to the front three where competition is as fierce as ever.

On the right players like Trevor



DEREK STATHAM (W.B.A.)

Francis (Birmingham), Mike Channon (Man. City) and Coventry's will o' the wisp Ian Wallace cannot be ignored.

Yet it is his Scottish countryman KENNY DALGLISH who gets the vote because of the way he has stepped so impressively into Kevin Keegan's shoes.

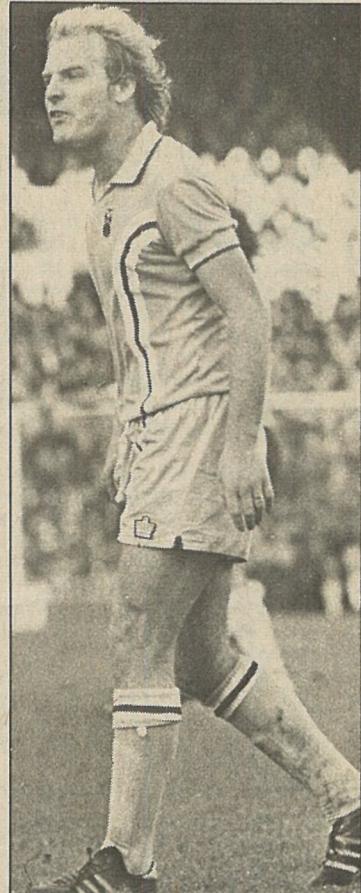
Kenny is a different type of player to Kevin but he has acquitted himself well to his new life at Anfield, and The Kop adores him.

When we come to the number nine shirt there seem to be so many effective players around it's a wonder folk are constantly grumbling about the dearth of good goalscorers.

Always high on any list must be Villa's Andy Gray who may not quite be touching last season's heights, but is still averaging almost a-goal-a-game.

The Midlands has conjured up exciting new strikers like Peter Withe (Forest), Cyrille Regis (West Brom) and Mick Ferguson (Coventry), while Everton's Bob Latchford, one of their old boys is enjoying his best season yet.

We've gone, though, for RAY



TERRY YORATH (Coventry)

HANKIN who has overcome an expensive transfer tag, and a nagging knee injury, to become a most prolific scorer with Leeds United.

To provide a service for him we've gone for a ball-playing left-winger who can send over a stream of well-directed corners.

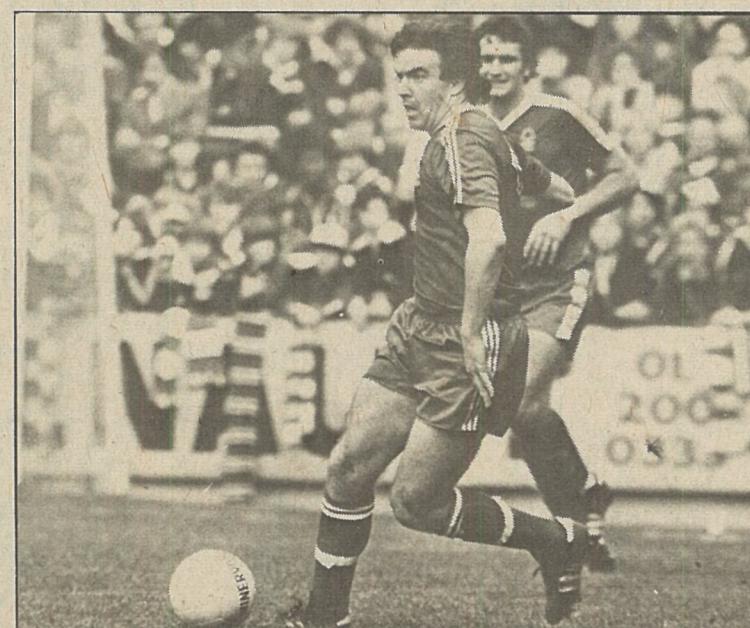
With that in mind we looked at, and admired Willie Johnston (West Brom), Arthur Graham (Leeds), Dave Thomas (Everton), Steve Heighway (Liverpool), David Armstrong (Middlesbrough), Clive Whitehead (Bristol City) and, of course, SHOOT'S own Gordon Hill.

But it was Forest's JOHN ROBERTSON who caught the eye most of all. He seems to have gone from strength to strength since the arrival of Brian Clough.

So there's our First Division team: SHILTON, LANGAN, DROY, MADELEY, COOPER, YORATH, COPPELL, BROOKING, DALGLISH, HANKIN, ROBERTSON.

If you want a substitute how about MARTIN PETERS who is playing out of his skin for Norwich.

Next week SHOOT selects a team from the Second Division.



JOHN ROBERTSON (Forest)



RAY HANKIN (Leeds)



sub MARTIN PETERS (Norwich)

'CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

CHRISTMAS is just a few days away, and no doubt SHOOT readers everywhere are preparing for the usual seasonal celebrations. There aren't many times when I have a twinge of regret being a professional footballer, but I must confess when I see everyone else having a good time, I wish I could join in.

I accept such drawbacks as part of my life, and I'm not complaining. The rewards far outweigh them.

Yet it would be nice, all the same, to over-eat and have that little bit more to drink over the holiday period.

I don't know for sure, but I have a feeling Aston Villa will be training on Christmas morning. We certainly did last year for an hour or so around mid-day.

As Christmas is on a Sunday this year, there are no games on Saturday, December 24th, so for most clubs there is a nine-day break between matches.

While I'm not in favour of a mid-

**ANDY
GRAY**
writes for you

season break, I welcome the "mini-break" after such a rush of games in recent weeks.

I'm still troubled by my back injury, which doesn't seem to be getting any better. I'm not in agony in between games, although the pain is annoying mainly because it won't clear up.

Britain is just about the only place in the world where soccer is played over Christmas. I doubt if our programme will ever change, though.

Clubs have bumper attendances for the games over the period and such an income is necessary to them.

I don't like the idea of playing two games on successive days. That is unfair and surely something could be done about that?

It's asking too much of even highly-trained professionals to be at their peak twice in 24 hours. Ask any player how he feels about playing two games in, say, three days and he'll tell you that's bad enough, but to have to perform twice in two days is wrong.

Not only is it physically demanding, but players need to build themselves up mentally for a big match and, let's face it, every game is important in our First Division.

Perhaps the fans enjoy it, but there must even be doubts about that because you can have too much of a good thing, can't you?

A winter break just isn't possible in the Football League and I don't



"Bruce Rioch (white shirt) should be in Scotland's World Cup team."



"Mick Ferguson (below, right) and Ian Wallace (left) have formed one of the best strike forces in the First Division."

IS UNFAIR'

fancy the idea of having two pre-season training schedules.

If we have a three-week rest, we'll have to build ourselves up again and I prefer to carry on regardless... but not two games in two days!

Anyway, our weather is so unpredictable who could say when the snow or frost will come? December could be mild with a harsh January — or vice versa.

So we could find ourselves without soccer during a mild period and coming back to rock-hard pitches!

I'll be spending a quiet Christmas in my new house with a few friends. My girlfriend will probably prepare the turkey, although I enjoy cooking, too.

If you're going to eat, eat well — that's my motto and I like to try my hand at different dishes.

During the evening I'll just take it easy, chatting or watching T.V. I expect.

I loved Christmas as a kid. I

it was. I tore a cartilage on January 2nd and was out of action until March!

Our first game over the Christmas is at Villa Park against Coventry City on December 26th. To be honest, I'm surprised City are doing so well but I'm delighted to see them up there.

Gordon Milne's attacking policy is a good one and I always like to see such a positive attitude being rewarded.

I used to play junior football with striker Ian Wallace. Clydebank Strollers I think the team was.

Coventry are playing with much more confidence this season, especially in attack where Mick Ferguson and Ian Wallace form as good a pair of strikers as you'll find anywhere.

I like Terry Yorath, too. He's my type of captain, always urging his team-mates on and leading by example.

I think Gordon Milne was on the point of being sacked last season — that's what the papers said — but Coventry still had faith in him and gave him a new contract. He's paid back the club in the best possible way.

Personality

On December 27th we travel to Derby, who have improved a great deal since Tommy Docherty took over. I've never met The Doc, apart from the odd word after a game, but he obviously has a personality that gets through to players immediately.

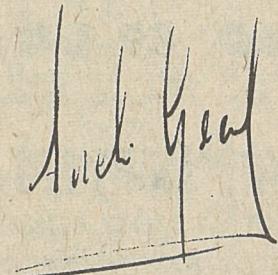
He's known as a good short-term manager, a somewhat unflattering title brought about because he's rarely in one place long enough to prove he can be successful over a period of time.

Maybe he will at Derby. As usual he's done well so far. By bringing Bruce Rioch and Don Masson together at club level The Doc has, indirectly, helped Scotland.

Bruce and Don will be in the World Cup team and playing together week after week will help them to adjust to each other's style.

Derby's central defenders Roy McFarland and Colin Todd make an excellent combination and I enjoy playing against them.

Like every other pro, I want four points for Christmas more than anything. I also hope SHOOT readers everywhere have a good Christmas and New Year.



remember not being able to get to sleep through excitement and waking very early in the morning to open my presents.

There were lots of children in the street where I grew up and at five o'clock on Christmas morning many of them were out riding their new bikes or playing with their footballs.

Christmas Days always seemed to last forever because I got up so early and went to bed late.

As a Scot, the New Year is of even more importance. If you've never spent a Hogmanay in Scotland, you've never lived! The atmosphere is unbelievable, as any Scot will tell you.

When I was with Dundee United we always played Dundee and St. Johnstone over the holiday and the fans loved the local rivalry.

I'll never forget one New Year in particular — four years ago I think

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This week's Star Letter comes from Liam McCabe of County Down, Northern Ireland, who wins our special prize of £3. He writes:

WHAT ABOUT THE IRISH?

HERE we go again! According to all the reports and comments made in the newspapers, England have only to turn up for their European Championship games and they'll win their group and go through to the Finals in Italy in 1980.

England boss Ron Greenwood even stated: "If we don't qualify we need our backsides kicked."

How can anyone possibly write off Northern Ireland and the Republic so quickly? Surely they haven't forgotten Eire's tremendous performance at Wembley last year when they held England to a 1-1 draw.

Both Irish sides are capable of not only playing well but also topping the section.

Like you, I can't understand how people predict that England are certain to win the group. Apart from the Irish, Denmark and Bulgaria are also in the group. Bulgaria in particular could be a big threat to England.

Pen-Pal

AM a 16-year-old Danish girl and I would like pen-pals in Great Britain. My favourite team is Manchester United.

ANNE BERG,
Holstebrogade 2,
2100 Copenhagen O,
Denmark.

No Hoppers?

IN YOUR Championship Chances article at the beginning of the season, your "No Hoppers" included:

Notm. Forest (top as I write)
West Brom (4th)
Coventry (6th)
Norwich (7th).

Any comment?

J. BROWN,
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA.

Only that our faces are even redder than Forest's shirts!

Missing Purchaser

WE have been using SHOOT for a series of advertisements for our 'Favourite Club' prints. We received a letter from someone living in the Stretton, Clay Cross,

Derbyshire, area which enclosed postal orders but no order form.

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ACTIVITY PROMOTIONS,
NOTTINGHAM.

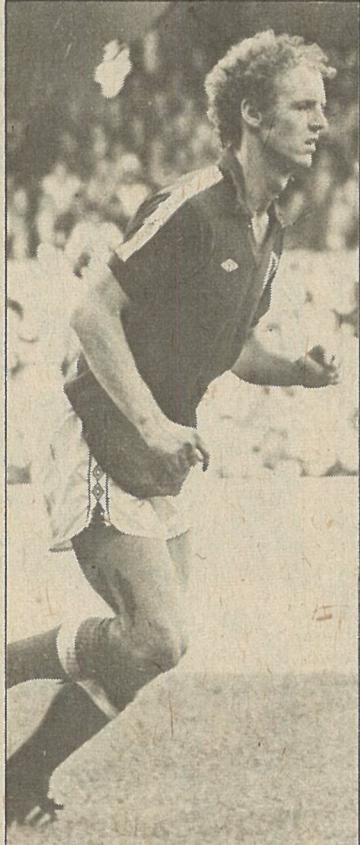
Surprise Side

ONE of the surprise sides of this season so far has been the form of Blackburn Rovers.

Widely tipped before the campaign started to be fighting against relegation from the Second Division, manager Jim Smith has quietly built a side that can now be termed real promotion candidates.

With young stars like Kevin Hird, Neil Brotherton (below) and John Bailey and others emerging, then Blackburn Rovers could move back into Division One for the first time since being relegated 12 years ago.

JAMES BARNETT,
BLACKBURN.



Full marks to Jim Smith. He has done a tremendous job at Ewood Park and deserves the praises that are being heaped on him and his players.

A sad side of soccer... 'BREAKDOWN' HALTS ALAN'S DREAM SIGNING

ACH Saturday night bearded Alan Beer waits for the results and looks out for two teams in particular... Exeter City and Leicester.

Exeter is the club who still hold his registration — the Midlanders, the team he joined for a couple of hours!

Beer's story is one of the less happy soccer tales of the season. As a talented forceful striker he had been chosen in Wales' initial British Championship squad at the end of the 1976-77 season and his form in the early weeks of this term was such that Frank McLintock agreed to pay Exeter City £80,000 for him.

Recalled Alan: "The manager told me about their interest and I drove up to Leicester on a Friday afternoon. I was shown around Filbert Street, actually walked on the park and talked terms with Mr. McLintock. He told me he wanted me as part of a twin spearhead and that he was looking for a tall centre-forward that I could play off. It all sounded great and I actually signed the transfer forms that afternoon."

All that was needed was for Beer, a former Welsh amateur international who had joined Exeter from non-League Weymouth after Swansea had given him a free transfer, to pass a medical examination.

Leicester had some worries because he had limped off at Shrewsbury the previous Saturday after scoring Exeter's winning goal.

Beer himself had no real worries. He admitted: "I'd got a knee injury at Bournemouth in October, 1976 and was out for two months but returned to play with a bandage



and helped Exeter get promotion.

"I didn't think there was any real problem but Leicester's specialist said I had ligament trouble and the deal was off... temporarily."

"Even then I wasn't too worried as Mr. McLintock said he would keep the forms I had signed and once I was fit again I would join The Filberts."

That day never came. Another specialist examined Beer and the leg was put in plaster for three weeks.

"I still wasn't too worried because I was convinced I would still be going to Leicester," he said.

But on the first day of his comeback he broke down in a five-a-side match at Exeter... and then specialists decided he would need an operation that will keep him out of the game until next March at the earliest.

How has Beer coped with the shattering knowledge that his move to a First Division club is now forgotten?

He admitted: "At first it was terrible. I didn't want to talk to anyone about it. It got so bad I wouldn't go out in case I met someone who would say how sorry they were. I didn't want anyone's sympathy."

"All I wanted to do was to forget about it and not talk about it. I got very depressed and kept asking — why should this happen to me?

"It's up to me to regain fitness

and play well enough to attract the First Division clubs again. At least I know I'm considered good enough for the First Division.

"It could have been worse. I could have signed for Leicester — and broken down soon after joining them. Then my wife and family would have been living in our house in Exeter and I would have been in a Leicester hospital.

"It's not the first setback I've had. When I was with Weymouth, a deal to join Bournemouth with John Bond went wrong but in the end things worked out.

"I must admit that every Saturday I look to see how Leicester have got on and I can't help wondering what might have happened had it not been for the injury. But it's no use dwelling on it.

"I can take some comfort from the experience of another Welsh player who was joining Leicester but didn't pass a medical — big John Toshack. Tosh got himself fit, and look what's happened to him since!"

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Large car parks within easy reach of the ground at Chester Road municipal Park (500 cars), Lancashire County Cricket Ground, Talbot Road and Great Stone Road (1,200), White City Stadium, Chester Road (900), British Car Auctions, Talbot Road (100).



F.A. CUP winners Manchester United look as if that trophy will again be their sole hope of an honour this season. Like a new player, a new manager also needs time to settle in, and United's change at the top could be the reason for their indifferent form so far this term.

In securing Dave Sexton, United have one of the most respected managers in the country, if not in Europe. But even United supporters find it hard to believe so much has happened since May 21st this year.

Then United walked off the Wembley pitch

with the F.A. Cup and photographs galore adorned Manchester homes showing Tommy Docherty with the F.A. Cup lid on his head.

Within weeks, however, Docherty had been sacked and in place of the flamboyant Scot came Dave Sexton, the quiet man of soccer to take over one of England's great clubs. But with United having only an outside chance of the League title, out of the League Cup and failing to climb the Everest FC Porto set them in the European Cup-Winners' Cup — it's the F.A. Cup or bust for United this season.



Manchester United's Dave Sexton saw service with six clubs as a player. Started his career with Chelmsford (1950-51), then as a Football League star played for Luton (1951-53), West Ham (1953-56), Orient (1956-57), Brighton (1957-59) and C. Palace (1959-61). As a manager Dave's first club was Orient in 1965 and then he took over at Chelsea from 1967-74. In that time Chelsea won the European Cup-Winners' Cup in 1971, the F.A. Cup in 1970 and were League Cup runners-up to Stoke City at Wembley in 1972. In 1974 he became Q.P.R. boss until being offered the Old Trafford position in the summer of 1977.

The ball enters the net for United's winning goal in last term's F.A. Cup Final v. Liverpool.



LEFT ... United's Stuart Pearson (right) and David Fairclough of Liverpool after the two clubs had drawn 0-0 in this season's Charity Shield at Wembley.

THEIR RECORD SINCE 1960-61

(C — League Champions; P — Promoted; R — Relegated; W — Winners; F — Finalists; S/F — Semi-Finalists; Q/F — Quarter-Finalists; E — European Cup; CW — European Cup-Winners' Cup; U — U.E.F.A. or Fairs Cup; DNC — Did not compete).

SEASON	LEAGUE League & Position	F.A. CUP Round Reached	LEAGUE CUP Round Reached	EUROPE Round Reached
1960-61	1 — 7th	4th	2nd	DNC
1961-62	1 — 15th	S/F	DNC	DNC
1962-63	1 — 19th	W	DNC	DNC
1963-64	1 — 2nd	S/F	DNC	Q/F (CW)
1964-65	1 — 1st (C)	S/F	DNC	S/F (U)
1965-66	1 — 4th	S/F	DNC	S/F (E)
1966-67	1 — 1st (C)	4th	2nd	DNC
1967-68	1 — 2nd	3rd	DNC	W (E)
1968-69	1 — 11th	Q/F	DNC	S/F (E)
1969-70	1 — 8th	S/F	S/F	DNC
1970-71	1 — 8th	3rd	S/F	DNC
1971-72	1 — 8th	6th	4th	DNC
1972-73	1 — 18th	3rd	3rd	DNC
1973-74	1 — 21st (R)	4th	2nd	DNC
1974-75	2 — 1st (P)	3rd	S/F	DNC
1975-76	1 — 3rd	F	4th	DNC
1976-77	1 — 6th	W	5th	2nd (U)
1977-78	—	—	2nd (CW)	—



RECORD VICTORY:
10-0 v Anderlecht, European Cup, Preliminary Round, 1956-57.

RECORD DEFEAT:
0-7 v Aston Villa, Division One, December 27th, 1930.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON:
64 in Division One, 1956-57.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON:
Dennis Viollet, 32 in Division One, 1959-60.



STEWART HUSTON

MARTIN BUCHAN

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BACK ROW (left to right):
Jimmy Greenhoff, Sammy
McLroy, Brian Greenhoff,
Alex Stepney, Jimmy
Nicholl, David McCreery.

FRONT ROW: Lou Macari,
Stuart Pearson, Martin
Buchan, Gordon Hill, Arthur
Albiston, Steve Coppell.
Trophy — F.A. Cup



continued

PEN-PICTURES

(L. App.— League Appearances; G.— Goals; S.— Substitutes. All records to the end of the 1976-77 season.)

ARTHUR ALBISTON: Defender signed in July, 1974 and as a Scottish Under-21 cap is on the verge of a full cap for the World Cup Finalists. Born Edinburgh. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 11.0. L. App.— 18 and 4 sub.

MARTIN BUCHAN: Defender and inspiring skipper of the Old Trafford team. Signed from Aberdeen for £125,000 in February, 1972. A Scottish Under-23 cap, Martin won his 27th full cap v Wales in October, 1977. Born Aberdeen. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.10. L. App.— Aberdeen 129 and 2 sub, Man. Utd. 213. G.— Aberdeen 10, Man. Utd. 1.

STEVE COPPELL: Winger who was one of the stars of the night when England regained some of their pride by beating Italy at Wembley in November, 1977. The game was Steve's first full England appearance and followed Under-23 caps. Signed from Tranmere Rovers for £50,000 in February, 1975. Born Liverpool. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 10.3. L. App.— Tranmere 35 and 3 sub, Man. Utd. 88 and 1 sub. G.— Tranmere 10, Man. Utd. 11.

ALEX FORSYTH: Defender signed from Partick Thistle for £100,000 in December, 1972. A Scottish Under-23 international with 10 full caps. Born Swinton, Scotland. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.1. L. App.— Partick 52, Man. Utd. 96 and 2 sub. G.— Partick 5, Man. Utd. 4.

BRIAN GREENHOFF: Central defender signed professional in June, 1970. An England Under-23 international with 12 full caps. Born Barnsley. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.11. L. App.— 155 and 2 sub. G.— 10.

JIMMY GREENHOFF: Elder brother of Brian signed from Stoke City for £100,000 in November, 1976. Has missed part of this season owing to injury. An England Under-23 international. Born Barnsley. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.2. L. App.— Leeds 89 and 6 sub, Birmingham 31, Stoke 24, Man. Utd. 27. G.— Leeds 19, Birmingham 14, Stoke 76, Man. Utd. 8.

ASHLEY GRIMES: Midfielder signed from Bohemians in March, 1977. Born Dublin. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.10.

GORDON HILL: Needs no introduction to SHOOT readers. Winger signed from Millwall in November, 1975 for £80,000. An England Under-23 international and won his sixth full cap v



ARTHUR ALBISTON

GROUND:
Old Trafford.

SIZE OF PITCH:
116 yards by 76 yards.

TELEPHONE NO.:
061-872-1661.

NICKNAME:
'Red Devils'

COLOURS:
Red shirts with white trim, white shorts, black stockings with red top and white band.

Luxembourg in October, 1977. Born Sunbury. Ht. 5.7. Wt. 10.12. L. App.— Millwall 79 and 7 sub, Man. Utd. 64 and 1 sub. G.— Millwall 20, Man. Utd. 22.

STEWART HOUSTON: Defender signed from Brentford for £50,000 in December, 1973. A Scottish Under-23 international with one full cap. Born Argyle. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 11.8. L. App.— Chelsea 6 and 3 sub, Brentford 77, Man. Utd. 138. G.— Brentford 9, Man. Utd. 13.

LOU MACARI: Dynamo midfielder signed from Celtic for £200,000 in January, 1973. A Scottish Under-23 international who won his 21st full cap v Wales in October, 1977. Born Edinburgh. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 10.9. L. App.— Celtic 51 and 5 sub, Man. Utd. 160 and 3 sub. G.— Celtic 27, Man. Utd. 42.

DAVID McCREERY: Striker signed professional in October, 1974. Won his 13th full cap for Northern Ireland v Belgium in November, 1977. Born Belfast. Ht. 5.6. Wt. 9.7. L. App.— 21 and 24 sub. G.— 6.

CHRIS McGRATH: Winger signed from Tottenham in October, 1976 for £30,000 and has often appeared in the United League side this term. Won his 15th full cap for Northern Ireland v Belgium in November, 1977. Born Belfast. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.11. L. App.— Tottenham 30 and 8 sub, Millwall (loan) 15, Man. Utd. 2 and 4 sub. G.— Tottenham 5, Millwall (loan) 3.

Brian Greenhoff beats Birmingham City's Terry Hibbitt during the League clash at St. Andrews this season. United won 4-1 on the opening day.

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SAMMY McILROY: Brilliant midfielder signed as a professional in August, 1971. Won his 26th full cap for Northern Ireland v Belgium in November, 1977. Born Belfast. Ht. 5.9½. Wt. 10.9. L. App.— 157 and 21 sub. G.— 29.

JIMMY NICHOLL: Defender signed professional in March, 1974 and a top-class player who won his 11th full cap for Northern Ireland v Belgium in November, 1977. Born in Canada. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.1. L. App.— 54 and 6 sub.

STUART PEARSON: England's central striker who won his 14th full cap v Italy in November, 1977. Born Hull. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 12.7. L. App.— Hull 126 and 3 sub, Man. Utd. 108 and 1 sub. G.— Hull 44, Man. Utd. 45.

PADDY ROCHE: Goalkeeper who took over from Alex Stepney in the League side in November, 1977. Signed from Shelbourne in October, 1973 for £15,000. Has seven full caps for the Republic of Ireland. Born Dublin. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 11.5. L. App.— 8.

ALEX STEPNEY: Goalkeeper signed from Chelsea for £53,000 in September, 1966. Alex has also scored two goals for United from the penalty spot. An England Under-23 international with one full cap. Born London. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 13.3. L. App.— Millwall 137, Chelsea 1, Man. Utd. 410. G.— Man. Utd. 2.

LEAGUE FIXTURES

1977	Aug. Opponents	Ground
20—Birmingham C	A	4-1
24—Coventry C	H	2-1
27—Ipswich T	H	0-0
Sept.		
3—Derby Co	A	1-0
10—Manchester C	A	1-3
17—Chelsea	H	0-1
24—Leeds U	A	1-1
Oct.		
1—Liverpool	H	2-0
8—Middlesbrough	A	1-2
15—Newcastle U	H	3-2
22—West Bromwich	A	0-4
29—Aston Villa	A	1-2
Nov.		
5—Arsenal	H	1-2
12—Nottm For	A	1-2
19—Norwich C	H	1-0
26—QPR	A	2-2
Dec.		
3—Wolverhampton W	H	3-1
10—West Ham	A	1-2
17—Nottm For	H	0-0
26—Everton	A	
27—Leicester C	H	
31—Coventry C	A	
Jan.		
2—Birmingham C	H	
14—Ipswich T	A	
21—Derby Co	H	
Feb.		
4—Manchester C	H	
11—Chelsea	A	
18—Leeds U	H	
25—Liverpool	A	
Mar.		
4—Middlesbrough	H	
11—Newcastle U	A	
18—W. Bromwich	H	
25—Leicester C	A	
27—Everton	H	
29—Aston Villa	H	
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25—Bristol C	A	
29—Wolverhampton W	A	

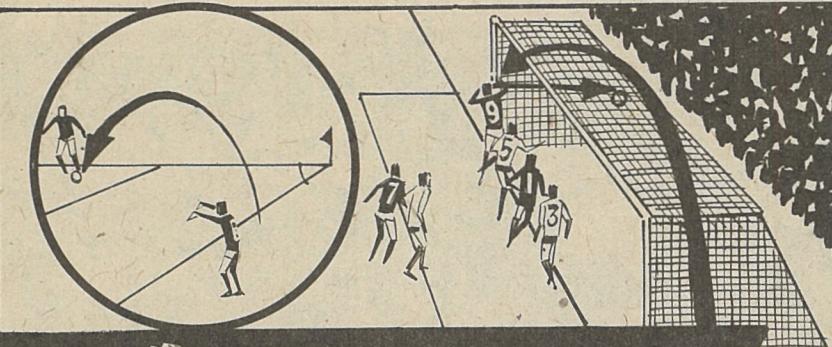
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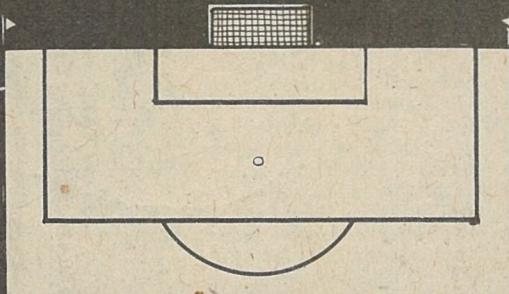
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From a throw-in the ball goes direct to an attacker in an offside position. He then passes it to a team-mate, standing level with three defenders on the goal-line. The team-mate scores. Do you (a) award a goal, (b) penalise the first attacker for offside or (c) penalise the second attacker?



2

Is the arc at the edge of the penalty-area (a) to judge whether a penalty-kick should be awarded for a direct free-kick offence committed inside the arc, (b) to assist referees to keep defensive walls ten yards from the ball or (c) to indicate ten yards from the penalty-spot?



3

At half-time a player, cautioned in the first-half, enters your dressing-room and protests against the caution. Do you (a) refuse to allow him to play the second-half, (b) issue a further caution or (c) simply report the matter after the match?

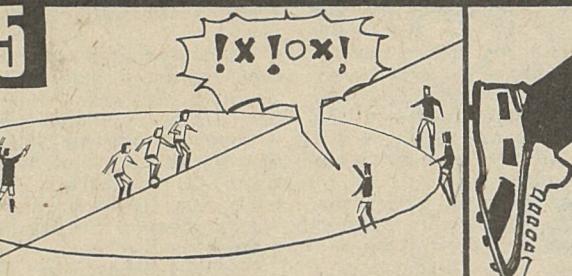


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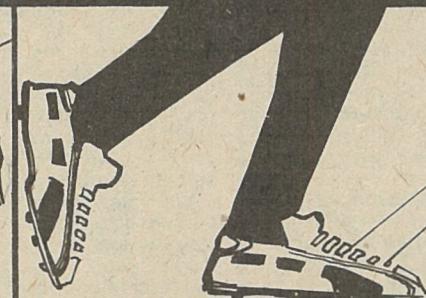
In a non-League game a goalkeeper wants to tie his dog to a goal-post. Do you (a) agree, (b) refuse but allow him to tie the dog to a corner-post or (c) as (b) but use a halfway line flagpost?



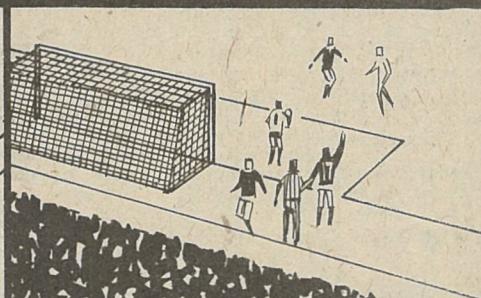
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A: You have signalled the kick-off. Before the ball is kicked a player swears at an opponent. You dismiss the offender and allow a substitute to replace him.



B: The substitute is wearing boots which are of a different colour to those worn by his team-mates.



C: Later the original substitute is injured and another is called to replace him. You refuse because the competition allows only one sub. (Where is the problem?).

ANSWERS

1. Penalise the second attacker (c) for offside. 2. The penalty-area is a ten yards radius from the penalty-spot (c). Players outside the field of play 5. The problem is in C. Because the substitute has been called in before the start of play he is considered a player and may be replaced. In A the sub may replace the dismissed player because the ball has not yet entered the penalty-area. The signal is not the start of play. In B there is no problem. Colour of boots are not restricted in the Laws.

3. The player must be dismissed from the match (a) for an act of negligence. 4. Use the halfway line flagpost (c) because it should be at least one yard from the goal-line.

5. The problem is that the competition only allows one substitute. The original substitute is injured and another is called to replace him. The referee must refuse this because the competition only allows one substitute.

Four players with considerable experience of playing

'THE BEST CONTINENTAL'

'ST-ETIENNE - A MAGNIFICENT UNIT'

RAY KENNEDY (Liverpool)

THE marvellous Ajax side of the early 1970's and the St.-Etienne team of 1976 — they're the two sides I have admired most in my years of European football.

I played against Ajax several times for Arsenal but we never came out on top. One of the reasons for that was obviously due to the great Cruyff being there, but I remember they also had some other great players who impressed me greatly — like Haan, Neeskens and especially Keizer. He was a brilliant player and always seemed to do very well against us.

Ajax were a terrific side in those days. They knocked the ball around so well. They kept possession and you had a hard job trying to get into the game. They were a good team, too, so that with the superb individuals they had, their teamwork and understanding meant they had virtually everything a football team can offer. It was no wonder they beat everyone in Europe for almost five years.

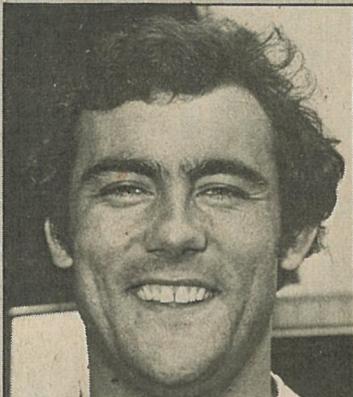
They fully deserved that great record for they were truly the best team I've ever played against from Europe. Maybe the present Liverpool side would push them mighty close, though — we have almost as many fine qualities in our team.

The way we work for each other at Anfield is a quality I recognised at once in Ajax.

I don't think I'd say St.-Etienne had any especially brilliant individuals: certainly no one to compare with Ajax's Cruyff.

But St.-Etienne were a magnificent unit and they had strength and fine players in every department.

Ray Kennedy scores for Liverpool v. St.-Etienne. The French side were The Reds' most difficult opponents on the way to the European Cup Final last season.



ment. Since Ajax, they're easily the best team I've played against from Europe.

I think they reached a peak in last season's European Cup when we met them. I was astonished Manchester United beat them so easily in the Cup-Winners' Cup this season: they must have gone back a great deal to lose like they did to United.

Last season, we found them our hardest opponents on the way to the Final. We lost 0-1 in France and then won 3-1 at Anfield to go through. But we only qualified because of a late goal by David Fairclough and we weren't sure we were through until that final whistle.

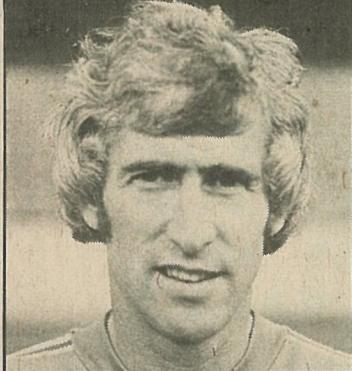
The French did what is often unheard of in Europe — they attacked for the home leg and kept the same pattern for the away tie. They didn't alter their style for the Anfield match and that is what made them so good and so difficult to beat.

You expect some teams to play well at home but not so well away. But they were superb in both matches.



'CSKA VERY DISCIPLINED'

PETER BONETTI (Chelsea)



One of the best sides Peter Bonetti has met are CSKA from Sofia. David Webb slides in to score for Chelsea at Stamford Bridge in the second-leg in November, 1970.

them. Eddie McCreadie was sent off in Italy in a 0-0 draw but we had won 4-1 at the Bridge in the first leg. Like a lot of Italian sides, they were fabulous at home in front of their own supporters.

But they didn't look the same team away from Italy. The intimidation from the Italians was terrible — you got punched, kicked, spat on . . . everything. It needed a mighty cool head to play teams like that.

We had another experience like that against a side called Aris Salonika. We drew 1-1 out there but I always remember their pitch — it was absolutely diabolical. It was baked hard and dead awkward — it suited them, of course, but not us. But we got a draw and against them on that day, that was a great result for us.

One of the best sides we ever met was CSKA from Sofia. That was the year we won the trophy, going on to beat Real Madrid in Athens. But we met CSKA in the Second Round. We won 1-0 in Bulgaria and 1-0 in the return at the Bridge. But it was much harder than those scores might indicate. They were a very disciplined side, and we played exceptionally well against them. We had to because they knew exactly what they wanted to do and how to go about doing it. I can't remember meeting a side with such discipline and organisation.

Of recent years, St.-Etienne (when they met Bayern Munich in the 1976 European Cup) impressed me most of all. They were more skilful and looked much more composed than Bayern.

We had a real battle against

against, and watching, other clubs in Europe select

TEAMS I'VE EVER SEEN'

'RED STAR – TECHNICALLY BRILLIANT'

GRAEME SOUNESS (Middlesbrough)

I've got to admit that I, like most other players from the North-East, feel rather starved of top European football in the area. True, Newcastle have been in this season's U.E.F.A. Cup but, generally, I think the North-East has been without really top Euro-competition soccer for far too long.

Most of my European memories come from my early days at White Hart Lane — and Spurs. In those days, Spurs were in Europe a great deal: it was around the time they won the U.E.F.A. Cup.

Red Star of Belgrade were the best team I ever saw — Spurs played them in 1972 in the Third Round of the U.E.F.A. Cup of that year. Spurs won the first-leg 2-0 at White Hart Lane but lost the return leg 1-0 to qualify for the Quarter-Finals on a 2-1 aggregate.

Two players made that Red Star team — Dragan Dzajic and Branko Oblak. They were magnificent players, better than any other I'd ever seen 'live' at that stage in my career. I was on the subs bench in

those two games and I remember seeing them turn on their tremendous skill.

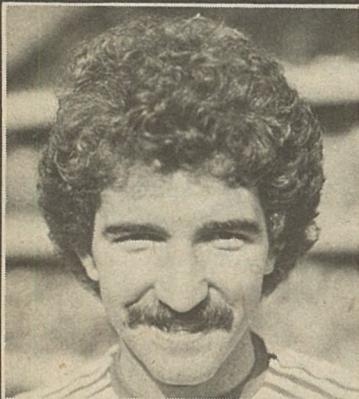
The team was a real quality one and they were very skilful. Technically, they were brilliant and I always rated the Spurs performance in getting past them in that Third Round, as one of the club's best ever. They worked hard together, Red Star, and as well as that and their good organisation, they had these players with stupendous skills.

But, Red Star weren't simply a side with skills and no bite. They could mix it a bit as we soon discovered out there. But that wasn't to the detriment of their overall ability.

Another good side Spurs met in those days was the Italians, A.C. Milan. We met them in the Semi-Final of the 1971-72 competition and had one hell of a job to beat them. They took the lead in London but two goals by Stevie Perryman gave us a precarious 2-1 lead to take to Milan for the return leg.

A lot of people said we didn't stand a chance out there but Alan Mullery, who had been on loan at Fulham, scored and we got a 1-1 draw to qualify for the Final. We went on to win the Cup, beating Wolves in the two-leg Final. But there wasn't much doubt our hardest match of the entire tournament that year was the one against Milan. They were hard, tough, gave nothing away — and especially difficult to contain in Italy. It proved Spurs were a good side to get a 1-1 draw in Italy.

Red Star of Belgrade keeper saves from Spurs striker Martin Chivers in November, 1972. Red Star were very skilful and a well-organised side.



'AEK PARALYSED US'

COLIN TODD (Derby)



THE Greeks of AEK Athens and the Italians of Juventus! Those are the teams and the players I will always remember as our toughest European opponents.

Because of their consistency and ability over several years, I give top place to Juventus. And what a fine side they have been and still are. Indeed, I reckon they could give Liverpool their toughest test in this season's European Cup if they are drawn together.

It was in the European Cup of 1972-73 that we met Juventus. They were a tremendously solid side, like the usual sort of Italian team. But perhaps even more so in this instance.

Perhaps over the two-legs we were a bit unfortunate to be knocked out in the Semi-Finals by Juventus. We lost 3-1 over in Italy in the first-leg when we saw their German international Haller, in the referee's dressing room. That led to the Solti bribery allegations and all that trouble.

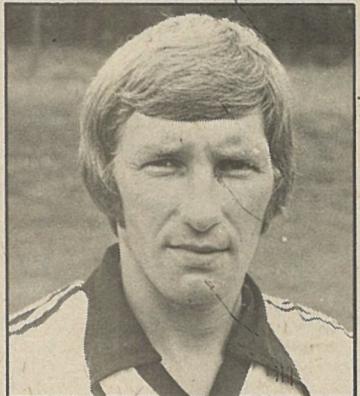
But in the return we were held to a goalless draw after missing a penalty that could have turned the whole game our way. And just to add to our disappointment, Roger Davies was sent-off.

The Italians greatly impressed me as a hard side to score against: a tremendously well organised outfit that was ever so difficult to break down. Other teams we played, you could always fancy your chances of getting goals against. But not Juventus — they were tough and hard at the back and so well organised. Everyone knew his job and did it superbly well.

They had players like Anastasi, Causio, Zoff and Altifini in those days. Bettega wasn't playing but the rest were enough to be going on with.

They could soak up pressure and yet you could always see them scoring, no matter who they were playing against. That's the greatest thing about all the Italian sides — they are ALWAYS so dangerous on the break.

Derby in action v. AEK in the U.E.F.A. Cup last season. Their strength was in coming forward.



AEK looked a great side when we played them last year. They paralysed us because we lost both legs — 1-3 at The Baseball Ground, 0-2 out there. They also went on to beat Q.P.R. later that season.

AEK's great strength was their power coming forward. And I was also very impressed with their midfield. I can't remember names too well but they had one player in the middle who was really tremendous coming forward; he scored twice at Derby and looked a world class player.

But then we saw the same team in Bruges in a pre-season tournament earlier this season, and he didn't look anything like the same player. The AEK team didn't do anything either although they had repeatedly caught us out when we played them at our place the previous season.

Another fine club we met was Real Madrid — but I was disappointed in them. Breitner and Netzer never did a thing at Derby and we thrashed them 4-1. But although they won the tie by winning 5-1 in Spain, that was as much due to the fact that we never competed, as much as they did. They didn't look a great side.

RESULTS . . . SCORERS . . . TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY NOV 19

SECOND DIVISION (Continued)

FULHAM (1) 2 (Lacy, Gale) 6,161

Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Bullivant, Lacy (Evanson), Gale, Greenaway, Margerison, Mitchell, Maybank, Howe.

HULL: Wealands; Daniel, DeVries, Bremner, Croft, Roberts, Haigh, Galvin, Warboys, Bannister, Stewart (Nisbet).

LUTON (0) 1 (Buckley) STOKE (2) 2 (Kendall, Crooks) 9,384

Luton: Alekic; Price, Buckley, West, Faulkner, McNicholl, Husband, Hill, Fletcher (R), Fucillo, Heale (Stein).

Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Lindsay, Kendall, Smith, Dodd, Waddington, Bowers (Richardson), Gregory, Busby, Crooks.

NOTTS CO (1) 2 (Bradd, Mann) SUNDERLAND (2) 2 (Kerr, Rostrom) 12,247

Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, Birchall, Carter, Vinter (Hooks), Bradd, McVay, Mann.

Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Kerr, Ashurst, Elliott, Rostrom, Arnott, Greenwood, Holden, Rowell.

OLDHAM (1) 1 (Taylor) SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Hebberd) 6,452

Oldham: Platt; Wood, Blair, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Valentine, Taylor, Halom, Young (Groves), Chapman.

Southampton: Wells; Andrezewski, Waldron, Baker, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, Hebberd, Holmes, Neville.

ORIENT 0 C. PALACE 0 10,037

Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Grealish, Hoyley, Roeder, Chedozie, Allen, Clarke, Kitchen, Glover.

Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Graham, Cannon, Blyth, Swindelhurst, Chatterton, Hilaire, Perrin, Harkouk.

TOTTENHAM 0 BRIGHTON 0 48,613

Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes, Hodde, Osgood, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Moores, Duncan (Lee), Taylor.

Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Winstanley, Lawrenson, Towner, Ward, Mellor, Clark, O'Sullivan.

THIRD DIVISION

BURY (1) 1 (Stanton)

CHESTER (0) 1 (Delgado) 4,020

Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Bailey, Tucker, Thomson, Stanton, Robins, Rowland, Suddick, Hamstead.

Chester: Lloyd; Edwards (N), Walker, Storton, Delago, Oakes, Crossley, Livermore, Kearny, Edwards, (I), Phillips.

CHESTERFIELD (2) 2 (Simpson, Kowalski)

CAMBRIDGE UTD (0) 1 (Fallon) 4,140

Chesterfield: Tingay; Burton, Badger, Kowalski, Cottam, O'Neill, Tatt, Fern, Simpson, Cammack, Heppolite.

Cambridge: Hansbury, Murray, Smith, Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Watson, Streete, Morgan, Finney, Biley.

EXETER (0) 1 (Hodge pen.)

BRADFORD C (0) 0 4,747

Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hore, Bowker, Saxton, Hatch, Hodge, Kellow, Randell, Holman, Jennings.

Bradford C: Downsborough; Hardcastle, Podd (Martinez), Ratcliffe, Middleton, Fretwell, Smith, Dolan, Cooke, Wright, Hutchins.

LINCOLN (0) 2 (Harding, Graham)

PRESTON (0) 2 (Bruce 2) 3,924

Lincoln: Grotier; Guest, Neale, Cockerill, Wigginton, Crambie, Jones, Smith, Graham, Hubbard, Harding.

Preston: Tunks; Cameron, Wilson (Span), Doyle, Baxter, Burns, Coleman, Haslegrave, Smith, Elwiss, Bruce.

PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Robson)

PLYMOUTH (0) 0 6,528

Peterborough: Barron; Hindley, Lee, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, Sargent, Earle, McEwan, Robson.

Plymouth: Barron; Smart, Uzzell, Taylor, Foster, Craven, Johnson, Megson, Austin, Harrison, Rogers.

PORTSMOUTH (0) 2 (Kemp, Pollock)

HEREFORD (0) 0 8,077

Portsmouth: Figgins; Piper, Wilson, Ellis, Denyer, Roberts, Pullar, Kemp, Stokes, Pollock, Mellow.

Hereford: Mellor; Emery, Ritchie, Layton, Marshall, Briley, Stephens, Carter, Holmes, Davey (Spirin), Proudlane.

PORT VALE (1) 1 (Hemmerman pen.)

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Moore) 3,576

Port Vale: Connaughton; McGifford, Griffiths, Harris, Dulson, Brownbill, Sutcliffe, Lamb, Ridley, Bailey, Hemmerman.

Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen (James).

SHEFF. WED. 0

GILLINGHAM 0 9,762

Sheff. W: Turner; Walden, Rushbury, Dowd, Cusack, Mullen, Wyld, Porterfield, Tynan, Prendergast, Bradshaw.

Gillingham: Hillyard; Knight, Burrows, Overton, Shipperley, Crabb, Nicholl, Hunt, Price, Westwood, Pritchard.

SHREWSBURY (0) 0

CARLISLE (2) 3 (Lathan, Tait, Rafferty) 3,701

Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard (Maguire), Durban, Griffin, Atkins, Irvine, Hornsby, Lindsay, Bates, Nixon.

Carlisle: Ross; Collins, McCartney, Bonnyman, Carr, Parker, McVitie, Lathan, Tait, Rafferty, Hamilton.

SWINDON (0) 2 (Guthrie, McHale)

ROTHERHAM (0) 0 6,024

Swindon: Allan; Ford, Trollope, McLaughlin, Aizlewood, Prophett, Moss, Stroud, Guthrie (Kamara), McHale, Anderson.

Rotherham: McAllister, Forrest, Breckin, Womble, Stancliffe, Green, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Crawford.

WALSALL (0) 2 (Buckley, Bates)

OXFORD (1) 1 (McGrogan) 4,453

Walsall: Kearns; Macken, Newton (Shelton), Hynd, Harrison, Evans, Robertson, Bates, Dennehy, Buckley, Birch.

Oxford: Burton; Taylor, Fogg, Boddell, Clarke, Jeffrey, McGrogan, Berry, Seacole, Curran, Duncan.

WREXHAM (2) 2 (Shinton, Whittle)

COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Wignall) 9,198

Wrexham: Davies; Evans, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Thomas, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Whittle, Cartwright.

Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wignall, Leslie, Packer, Dowman, Garwood, Gough, Frogatt, Bunkell, Allinson.

FOURTH DIVISION

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2 (Showers 2)

DARLINGTON (0) 0 2,958

Bournemouth: Baker; Butler, Miller, Cunningham, Impey, Barton, Johnson, Showers, Howarth, Lennard, Cave.

Darlington: Owers; Cochrane, Nattress, Crosson (Craig), Stone, Hague, Lyons, Rowles, Maitland, Seal, Wann.

BRENTFORD (0) 0

SWANSEA (2) 2 (Curtis, Conway) 6,340

Brentford: Bond; Fraser, Lloyd, Salaman, Kruse, Shrub, Rolph, Graham (W), Alder, McCulloch, Phillips.

Swansea: Barber; Evans, Bartley, Bruton (Moore, K.), May, Charles, Lally, James, Curtis, Griffiths, Conway.

CREWE (0) 0

GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Ford, Liddell) 2,2227

Crewe: Crugdington; Collier (Hollinshead), Cheetham, Rimmer, Bowles, Bevan, Mason, McGinley, Purdie, Coyne, Tully.

Grimsby: Batch; Mawer, Cumming, Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Liddell, Partridge (Moore), Drinkell, Ford, Broily.

HALIFAX (1) 2 (Trainer, Flavell)

ALDERSHOT (1) 1 (Crosby) 1,093

Halifax: Genhoe, Flavell, Loska, Smith, Trainer, Dunleavy, Carroll, Bell, Bullock, Lawson, Johnston.

Aldershot: Rockett; Howitt, Wooler, Crosby, Youlden, Jopling (Butler), Hooper, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, McGregor.



Trevor Hebbard scored Southampton's goal in their 1-1 away draw v. Oldham.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

AYR (1) 1 (McCall)

MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Pettigrew)

3,996

Ayr: Sproat; Rodman, Kelly, Fleming, Hyslop, McAnespie, McLaughlin, McColl (Phillips), Masterton, Crumond, Christie (Hannah).

Motherwell: Rennie; Watson, Wark, Miller, McVie, Stevens, Marinello, Pettigrew, O'Rourke, Millar, Robertson.

CELTIC (1) 3 (Lynch pen., Aitken, Edvaldsson)

ABERDEEN (1) 2 (Jarvie, Harper pen.)

27,000

Celtic: Latchford; Filippi, Lynch, Munro, McDonald, Aitken, Doyle, Edvaldsson, Craig (Wilson), McAdam, Conn.

Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLellan, Sullivan, Garner, Miller, Jarvie, Robb, Harper, Fleming (McMaster), Strachan.

DUNDEE UTD (2) 4 (Fleming, Bourke, Wallace, Hegarty)

CLYDEBANK (0) 0

4,169

Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel, Rennie, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Wallace, Bourke, Fleming, Payne.

Clydebank: Gallacher; Hall, Abel, Fallon, McCormack, Hay (Callaghan), McNaughton, McColl, Larnach, McCallan, Colgan (Lumsden).

HIBS (1) 2 (McLeod, Stewart)

PARTICK (2) 3 (Bremner o.g., Anderson, Sommer pen.)

5,000

Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Smith, Bremner, Stewart, Brazil, Edwards, McNamara, Hutchinson, McLeod (Henderson), Duncan.

Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Campbell, Anderson, Marr, Melrose, Somer (Hutton), O'Hara, Gibson (Love), Craig.

RANGERS (0) 2 (Johnstone, Miller)

ST. MIRREN (0) 1 (Stark)

22,000

Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Miller, Greig, Jackson, Macdonald, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Smith (Parlane), Cooper.

St. Mirren: Hunter; Young, Beckett, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Dunlop, Copland, McGarvey, Stark, Abercrombie (Leonard), Munro (Hyslop).

TUESDAY, NOV. 22

SUPER CUP (first-leg)

HAMBURGER SV (1) 1 (Keller)

LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Fairclough)

20,000

Hamburger: Stars; Ripp, Balkan (Karow), Memering, Eigl, Kaltz, Keegan, Keller, Zaczyn, Magath (Berti), Steffenhagen.

Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Jones (Smith), Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish; Case (Johnson), Heighway, Fairclough, Callaghan.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23

U.E.F.A. CUP

(Third Round first-leg)

ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (Iribar o.g., Deehan)

ATHLETIC BILBAO (0) 0

32,973

Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Deehan, Little, Gray, Cropley, Carrozza.

Bilbao: Iribar; Giococchia, Guiasosola, Vilal, Alesanco, Astrain, Dani, Tirapu, Carlos, Irureta, Churruca.

IPSWICH (1) 3 (Gates, Whymark, Talbot)

BARCELONA (0) 0

33,272

Ipswich: Cooper; Stirk, Mills, Talbot, Hunter, Beattie, Osborne, Gates (Viljoen), Mariner, Whymark, Woods.

Barcelona: Artola; Macizo (Clares), Miguel, Olmo, De la Cruz, Neeskens, Sanchez, Heredia (Rechach), Cruyff, Asensi, Zuviria.

ANGLO-SCOTTISH CUP

(Final first-leg)

ST. MIRREN (0) 1 (Abercrombie)

BRISTOL C (1) 2 (Mabbatt, Cormack)

8,000

St. Mirren: Hunter; Young, Beckett, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Dunlop (Hyslop), Copland, Stark, McGarvey, Abercrombie, Munro.

Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Gillies, Gow, Collier, Merrick, Tainton, Ritchie, Mabbatt, Corrigan, Mann.

SATURDAY, NOV. 26

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Nelson) 31,939
DERBY (0) 3 (Ryan, Riach, Powell) 31,939
Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Macdonald, Stapleton, Rix.
Derby: Middleton, Langan, Nish, Riach, McFarland, Todd, Curran, Powell, Masson, George, Ryan.

BRISTOL C (2) 4 (Royle 4) 20,565
MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Mills) 20,565
Bristol C: Shaw; Sweeney, Merrick, Gow, Collier, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Royle, Gillies, Whitehead (Cormack).
Middlesbrough: Cuff, Crags, Cooper, Souness, Boam, Ramage, Mahoney, Mills, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Armstrong (Cummins).

EVERTON (3) 6 (Dobson, Latchford 3, Pearson, King) 43,279

Everton: Wood; Jones, Pejic, Lyons, Higgins, Buckley, King, Dobson, Latchford, Pearson, Thomas.
Coventry: Blyth, Oakey, McDonald, Yorath, Roberts, Coop, Nardiello, Wallace, Graydon (Murphy), Powell, Hutchison.

LEICESTER (0) 0 26,051
LIVERPOOL (1) 4 (Fairclough, Heighway, Dalglish, McDermott) 26,051
Leicester: Wallington, Whitworth, Rose, Kember, Blockley, Webb, Weller, Kelly, Salmon, Waddle, Williams.

Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Smith, Thompson, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, McDermott, Heighway, Fairclough, Callaghan.

MAN. CITY (4) 6 (Wilkins, G, o.g., Tueart 3, Channon, Barnes) 34,354

CHELSEA (2) 2 (Wilkins, R, Britton pen.) 34,354
Man. C.: Corrigan; Clements, Donachie, Booth, Watson, Power, Barnes, Channon, Kidd, Hartford, Tueart.

Chelsea: Bonetti; Wilkins (G), Sparrow, Britton, Droy, Wicks, Aylott, Wilkins (R), Langley, Swain, Cooke (Lewington).

NORWICH (0) 1 (Gibbins) 17,161
BIRMINGHAM (0) 0 17,161
Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Gibbins, Paddon, Peters.

Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Pendrey, Dillon, Howard, Want, Page, Francis, Bertschin, Hibbit, Emmanuel.

NOTTM FOREST 0 31,908
W.B.A. 0 31,908

Nottingham: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, Gemmill, O'Neill, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.

W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Brown (T), Wile, Robertson, Martin, Cunningham, Cross, Robson, Johnston.

Q.P.R. (1) 2 (Needham, Givens) 25,367
MAN. UTD. (1) 2 (Hill 2) 25,367

Q.P.R.: Richardson; Shanks, Gillard, Hollins, Needham, Cunningham, Leach, James, Givens, Bowles, Wallace.

Man. U: Roche; Nicholl, Houston, Grimes, Greenhoff (B), Buchan, Coppel, Greenhoff (J), Pearson, Macari (McGrath), Hill.

WEST HAM (0) 0 26,883
LEEDS (0) 1 (Hankin) 26,883

West Ham: Day; Lampard, Brush, Bonds, Taylor (T), Pike, Devonshire, Robson, Radford (Curbishley), Brooking, Hales.

Leeds: Harvey; Cherry, Gray (F), Currie, Parkinson, Madeley, Harris, Hankin, Jordan, Flynn, Graham.

WOLVES 0 18,468
IPSWICH 0 18,468
Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Parkin, Patching, Daley, McAlie, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Eves, Kelly.

Ipswich: Cooper; Stirk, Tibbott, Talbot, Hunter, Osman, Mills, Gates, Mariner, Whymark, Woods.

(Aston Villa v Newcastle postponed)

SECOND DIVISION

BOLTON (0) 1 (Greaves) 32,266

TOTTENHAM (0) 0 32,266
Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Dunne, Greaves, Jones (P), Allardyce, Morgan, Whatmore, Worthington, Walsh, Waldron.

Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, Holmes, Hodde, Osgood, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Moores, Duncan, Taylor.

BRIGHTON (2) 2 (Maybank, Towner) 26,467
BLACKBURN (1) 2 (Wagstaffe pen., Lewis)

Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Winstanley, Lawrenson, Towner, Ward, Maybank, Clark, O'Sullivan.
Blackburn: Butcher; Hird, Bailey, Metcalfe, Waddington, Fazackerley, Brotherton (Wood), Lewis, Wagstaffe, Parkes, Taylor.

BURNLEY 0 8,506
ORIENT 0 8,506

Burnley: Stevenson; Newton, Brennan, Hall, Rodaway, Thomson, Cochrane, Noble, Fletcher, Kindon, Morley.

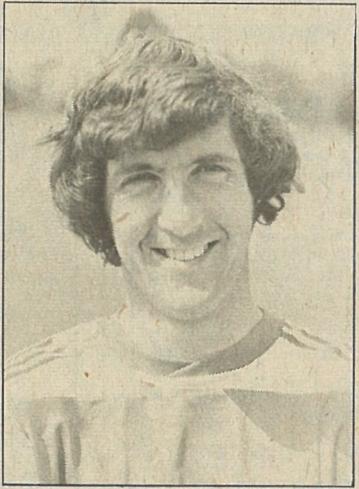
Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Payne, Hoadley, Roeder, Chiedozie, Glover, Clarke, Kitchen, Allen.

C. PALACE (1) 2 (Chatterton pen., Perrin)

CARDIFF (0) 0 16,139

C. Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Graham, Cannon, Blyth, Swindiehurst, Chatterton, Hilaire, Perrin, Silkman.

Cardiff: Irwin; Attley, Pethard, Campbell, Went, Byrne, Giles, Dwyer, Sayer, Robson, Buchanan.



Queens Park Rangers 2-2 home draw against Man. Utd. was helped by a Don Givens goal.

HULL (0) 0 5,699

CHARLTON (1) 2 (Berry, Flanagan) 5,699
Hull: Wealands; Nisbet, Daniel, Bremner, Dobson, Roberts, Grimes, Haigh, Warboys, Bannister (Sunley), Stewart.

Charlton: Wood; Berry, Campbell, Tydeman, Giles, Dugdale, Powell, Gritt, Flanagan, Peacock, McAuley.

MANSFIELD (0) 0 7,302

Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Phillips (Aston), Morris, Saxby, Wood, Sharkey, Goodwin, Syrett, Hodgson, Miller.

Oldham: Platt; Wood, Blair, Bell, Hicks, Hurst, Valentine, Taylor, Halom, Young, Chapman.

MILLWALL 0 5,654

Millwall: Goddard; Donaldson, Moore, Briley, Tagg, Hazell, Lee, Seasman, Pearson, Barnett, Chambers.

Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Chapman, Stubbs, Birchall, Hooks, McVay, Brad, Mann, Vinter.

SHEFF UTD (0) 1 (Hamilton pen.)

BRISTOL R (1) 1 (Powell) 13,177

Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Kenworthy, Colquhoun (Speight), Flynn, Woodward, Edwards, Campbell, Hamson, Hamilton.

Bristol R: Thomas; Aitken, Bater, Day, Taylor (S), Prince, Powell, Williams, Gould, Staniforth, Barry.

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 2 (Neville, Holmes)

FULHAM (0) 0 21,085

Southampton: Wells; Waldron, Andruszewski, Baker, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Boyer, MacDougall, Holmes, Neville.

Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Bullivant, Howe, Gale, Greenaway, Evanson, Mitchell, McCurdy, Margerison.

STOKE (0) 1 (Cook)

BLACKPOOL (1) 2 (Walsh 2) 15,132

Stoke: Jones; Marsh, Lindsay, Kendall, Smith, Dodd, Waddington, Gregory (Cook), Busby, Bowers, Crooks.

Blackpool: Ward; Gardner, Harrison, Hart, Sudaby, McEwan, Ainscow, Weston, Walsh, Hatton, Groves.

SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Bolton)

LUTON (1) 1 (Fletcher, R) 26,915

Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Kerr, Elliott, Ashurst, Rostron, Arnott, Greenwood, Holden, Rowell.

Luton: Aleksić; Price, Buckley, West, Faulkner, McNichol, Husband, Hill, Fletcher (R), Fucillo, Carr.

F.A. CUP
(First Round)

AP LEAMINGTON (2) 6 (Stewart, Brown 3, Cavanagh pen., Keeley)

ENDERBY (0) 1 (Cooper) 1,208

ARNOLD 0 4,000

PORT VALE 0 4,000
Port Vale: Connaughton; McGifford, Griffiths, Harris, Dulson, Brownbill, Sutcliffe, Lamb, Ridley, Hemmerman (Beamish), Bailey.

BARNET (1) 1 (Brown)

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Slough, Robson) 4,000

Peterborough: Barron; Hindley, Lee, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, Butlin, Earle, McEwan, Robson.

BARNESLEY (0) 1 (Warnock)

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0 9,579

Barnsley: Springett; Murphy, Collins, Brown, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Joicey, Peache (Price), Little, Collier.

Huddersfield: Starling; Brown, Sandercock, Holmes (McCaffrey), Baines, Sidebottom, Gray, Hart, Eccles, Johnson, Butler.

BATH 0 7,866

Plymouth: Barron; Smart, Uzzell, Taylor, Foster, Craven, Megson, Harrison, Austin, Trusson (Horswill), Rogers.

BLYTH (0) 1 (Mutrie)

BURSCOUGH (0) 0 2,500

BOREHAM WOOD 0

Swindon: Allan; Ford, Trollope, McLaughlin, Aizlewood, Proffitt, Moss, Stroud, Guthrie, McHale, Anderson.

BRADFORD C (0) 0

CREWE (0) 1 (Davies D.) 5,068
Bradford: Downsborough; Hardcastle, Podd, Ratcliffe (Martinez), Middleton, Fretwell, Watson, Dolan, Cooke, Wright, Hutchins.

Crewe: Crugdington; Collier, Cheetham, Rimmer, Bowles, Bevan, Davies (D), McGinley, Purdie, Coyne, Tully.

BRENTFORD (1) 2 (Phillips 2)

FOLKESTONE (0) 0 5,980

Brentford: Bond; Fraser, Allen, Salmon, Kruse, Lloyd, Shrub, Graham, Alder, McCulloch, Phillips.

CARLISLE (0) 2 (Rafferty 2)

STAFFORD (0) 0 5,443

Carlisle: Ross; Collins, McCartney, Lathan, Carr, Parker, McVitie, Bonnyman, Tait, Rafferty, Hamilton.

CHESTER (1) 4 (Crossley 3, Kearney)

DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Craig) 3,330

Chester: Lloyd; Edwards (N), Walker, Delgado, Storton, Oakes, Crossley, Livermore, Kearney, Edwards (I), Phillips.

Darlington: Owers; Stone, Cochrane (Crosson), Natress, Craig, Hague, Lyons, Rowles, Ferguson, Seal, Wann.

CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Fern)

HALIFAX (0) 0 4,948

Chesterfield: Tingay; Badger, Burton, Kowalski, Cottam, O'Neill, Tatt, Simpson, Fern, Cammack, Heppolette.

Halifax: Genoe, Flavell, Loska, Smith, Deleavy, Trainer, Carroll, Bell, Bullock, Lawson, Johnston.

COLCHESTER (0) 1 (Gough)

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Howarth) 4,465

Colchester: Walker; Cook, Wignall, Leslie, Packer, Dowman, Garwood, Gough, Frogatt, Bunkell, Allinson.

Bournemouth: Baker; Butler, Miller, Cunningham, Impay, Cave, Johnson, Showers, Howarth, Lennard, Barton (Riley).

DONCASTER (0) 0

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Nixon) 5,279

Doncaster: Peacock; Olney, Robinson, Habbin, Owen, Taylor, Miller, Bowden (Snodin), O'Callaghan, Jones (C), Laidlaw.

Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Durban, Griffin, Lindsay, Irvine, Maguire, Bates, Hornsby, Nixon.

CONTINUED NEXT WEEK.

IN NEXT WEEK'S SHOOT

WE start our New Year issue with managers from clubs in England and Scotland, and those of the Home nations — and a League referee — expressing their hopes and fears for 1978 + Great Goals of 1977 — a selection of goals that helped win vital matches and trophies + Our selection for a Second Division representative side + Johan Neeskens, of Barcelona and Holland, in our International Star Spot + features on Tony Woodcock, one of the stars of First Division leaders Nottingham Forest; Keith Bertschin of Birmingham City; Tony Brown of W.B.A.; Don Masson, Derby's signing; and the

promising Scottish League players Bobby Russell (Rangers) and Willie Garner (Aberdeen).

On our colour pages we feature a special bonus: the first of a unique, two-part Soccer 1978 Calendar (part two appears in the following issue), on which we include a line-up of stars with their birthdates. Focus on Roger Gibbons (Norwich City) + Emlyn Hughes (Liverpool) + Alan Devonshire (West Ham) + John Miller (Mansfield), Mike Summerbee (Stockport), Gordon Wallace (Dundee United) and Trevor Cherry (Leeds) in our booklet section.

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SEASONAL GREETINGS FROM WORLD STARS

RALF EDSTROM, the dynamic Swedish goal-ace. "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year wishes."





RUUD GEELS, the Ajax and Holland striker. "On this occasion I wish all footballers, fans and other people a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that England face a good year in both soccer and economics. I also want to say, of course, it's a pity England won't be in Argentina, but never mind because everyone in the world knows England still plays the most spectacular football. I'm a great admirer. Once again, good luck and I hope to see England in the 1982 Finals."



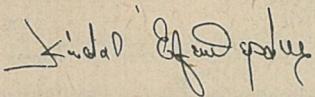
WERNER ROTH, captain of the Cosmos. "Merry Christmas from the United States. The growth of soccer and our team were remarkable during the past year. It seemed that Christmas came for us very early, when we won the American Championship in August. I know that we have many fans in Europe and I am glad to have the opportunity to wish them all a happy holiday season."

WERNER ROTH

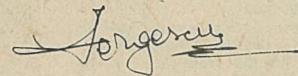
ROBERTO BETTEGA, the Juventus striker whose goals have helped to put England out of the World Cup. "I'm very sorry that England are out of the World Cup Finals in Argentina . . . hoping your team will return to top form very soon. I wish you all a Happy Christmas."



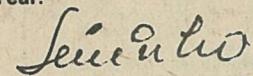
KOSTAS ELEFTHERAKIS, one of the top five footballers in Greece who plays for Panathinaikos. "I wish your readers a Merry Christmas, happiness, peace with my best wishes."



DUDU GEORGESCU, last season's top goalscorer in Europe and holder of the Adidas Golden Shoe award — the Dynamo Bucharest and Rumania forward sends this message: "On the occasion of these high winter days, to the readers of SHOOT I send warm greetings."



SENINHO, the Portuguese international who plays for FC Porto, Manchester United's Euro conquerors. "To all SHOOT readers a wish of a Happy Christmas and a Good New Year."



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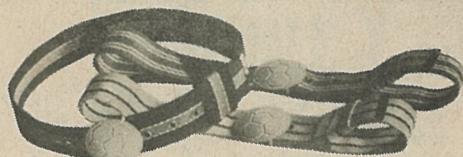
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Money talks for Houseman

THERE are some unusual rumours flying around in Argentina about Huracán's controversial international striker René Houseman. As I've been reporting, Huracán have had an indifferent season, mainly because Houseman and the team's other stars haven't been producing the goods.

Finally, with Huracán in danger of relegation, a group of fans got together and offered Houseman a special cash bonus for every goal he scored. The 23-year-old right-winger duly obliged with a spate of goals which pushed Huracán into a comfortable position in the middle of the table, and took Houseman into the top positions in the goalscoring table.

He's also rumoured to be more than £6,000 better off . . .

AFTER scoring in the recent 2-1 friendly win against Sweden, Poland's World Cup captain Kazimierz Deyna is now the second highest scorer for Poland. Włodzimierz Lubanski still tops the list with 49 goals, with Deyna on 41, just ahead of a great player of the 50's Ernst Pohl of Gornik Zabrze who had scored 40.

WHEN Kevin Keegan came up against Berti Vogts in the 1977 European Cup Final, the honours went to the Liverpool man.

The pair met again recently when Borussia Mönchengladbach played Hamburger SV in the Bundesliga (right) and this time Vogts led BMG to victory 2-1.

There still seems to be confusion over the popularity of the 26-year-old England star. While he is playing well, there appears to be resentment towards Keegan.

In a recent interview with Dutch soccer magazine Voetbal International, Keegan said: "I feel isolated within the team. The players don't like the fact I'm a top star. I like Hamburg — my wife likes it even more, but playing is not such a pleasure. I shall be talking to our president soon. Our new coach doesn't speak English, so that makes things even harder. In fact, only one player — Berti — speaks English, and not being able to communicate with my team-mates is an obvious disadvantage."

• HSV have dropped out of the title race and now are in the lower half of the table.

MARCO Dinapoli, a magistrate in Sarsana, Northern Italy, plays competitive football for his local side. The Press say he is the cleanest player in the team . . .

URUGUAY are to apply to stage a Super World Cup, comprising all the previous winners . . . Uruguay, Italy, Brazil, West Germany, England — with a possible new name for 1978. The Uruguayans want to hold the tournament in the summer of 1980, 50 years after the first World Cup. A snag is the European Championship Finals will be held in Italy at roughly the same time.

The drain in Spain stops

BACK IN September I predicted the end of the "Spanish Gold Rush" — the flood of foreign players who've been prospecting for big money in the land of the peseta. Sure enough, the Spanish government is now seriously considering closing its frontiers to foreign players in a bid to stem the outward flow of foreign exchange.

The government's other major target in the cut-back campaign is the spate of summer tournaments which Spanish clubs organise. The fees paid to foreign teams are a further drain on the economy, and strict controls are likely to be enforced next season.

MARINHO DROPPED BY HIS CLUB NOW

MORE trouble for Brazil's Francisco Marinho. It looks almost certain Brazil won't have Marinho for the World Cup. The left-back, once considered one of the best players of all-time, has been in a persistent bad form for the past two years and doesn't show any signs of improvement.

Now Marinho, 25, has even been dropped by manager Pinheiro from Fluminense, though rumours insist president Francisco Horta wants him in the team and will even go so far as to back the

manager if he doesn't comply.

But Horta's motives may be less than honest. He wants Marinho in the team because he wants to sell him to the Cosmos and it is obvious the Americans won't pay the same money for a player who is not even a first choice.

And Horta is even less interested in letting the Americans know why Marinho has been so persistently off-form. Marinho insists in leading a night life incompatible with that of an athlete.

NEWS FLASHES

I hear Henry Kissinger, former U.S. Secretary of State, will be at the World Cup Finals.

Spartak Moscow bounced back into Division One after only one season in the lower class. They were relegated last summer but won the Soviet Second Division Championship. Going up with them are Pachinkor Taschkent, who were relegated in 1975.

SO

West Berlin's football clubs are in serious financial trouble. Bundesliga club Hertha BSC owe £473,000 and neighbours Tennis Borussia, who spent one year up in the Bundesliga recently, owe more than £400,000.

With Rumania eliminated from the World Cup after their shock 6-4 defeat at home to Yugoslavia, their captain Cornel Dinu, a "Mexico" veteran has been given permission to play in the West, to prepare him for a top job as a coach in Rumania. He is most likely to go to Holland and join First Division club Telstar.

AC Milan recently beat FC Internazionale at the San Siro stadium they share, the derby always being fiercely fought affairs. Gianni Rivera, captain of the Milan side played his 33rd derby in this game, while for Inter sweeper Giacinto Facchetti it was his 29th Milan derby.

After helping Austria qualify for the World Cup, right-winger Josef Stirling of Swarowski Wacker Innsbruck will be out of the game for at least four months. In a game against Admira/Wacker he was carried off injured and found to have a serious ligament trouble in his right knee.

WORLD CUP SIT-IN

DURING the World Cup-tie between Kuwait and South Korea, the Koreans staged a sit-in during the game. It all started in the 47th minute when referee Jean Dubach booked Sun Tchung for not retreating ten yards at a free-kick.

When the Korean defender persisted in not moving, Dubach ordered him off. South Korean officials tried to make the ref change his mind as the Korean players staged an impromptu sit-in around the centre-spot.

Dubach rightly informed the Koreans that unless they got on with the game, he would abandon the match. Eventually, the players got on with the match, which ended 2-2.

BRAZIL BOSS LIKES BARNES

BRAZIL manager Claudio Coutinho returned to South America after his European tour full of praise for Manchester City winger Peter Barnes.

"He'd be in any selection of mine," said Coutinho.

The Brazil boss also had some interesting things to say about European refs.

"I saw many types of officials. Hard men, complacent men, easy-way-out men, not-wanting-to-know men and excellent men."

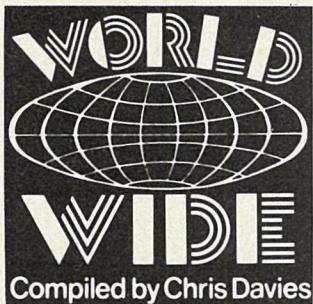
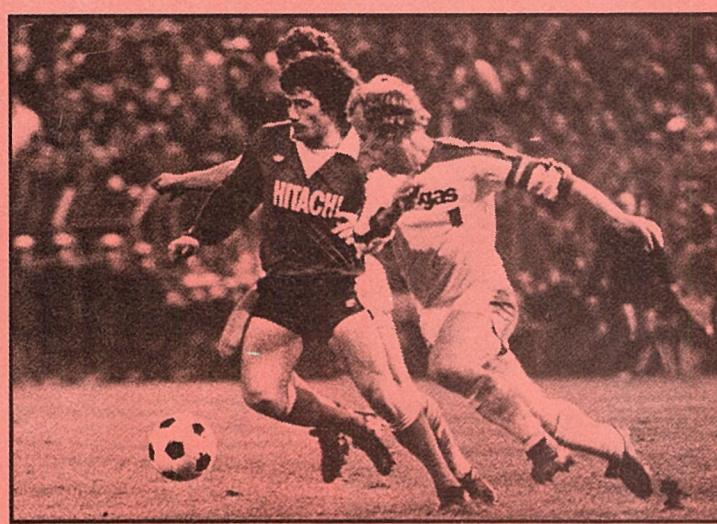
"This suggests European refereeing is the same as everywhere else, with the same diversity and lack of information."

NO COMMENT

THE PLAYERS of Spanish club Espanol have refused point blank to speak to the Press or pose for photographs. Their decision is a protest about "unjust criticism" from the Press.

Hmm, well, Espanol are two from the bottom of the Spanish League, and they have lost all their away games by an ample margin.

• Maybe the criticism isn't so unjust after all . . .



Champions' squad for sale

I CAN'T believe it! It seems Juan Carlos Lorenzo, manager of current South American Champions Boca Juniors, has grown tired of producing hard, defence-minded teams.

After years of managing dour sides like Lazio, Roma and Atlético Madrid, he's announced he wants to build a "showpiece" team that will play adventurous, spectacular, attacking football.

ROBERTO Bettega has attracted his share of headlines this season, but for Juventus he had scored just two goals as we went to press — and they were in the opening game of the season.

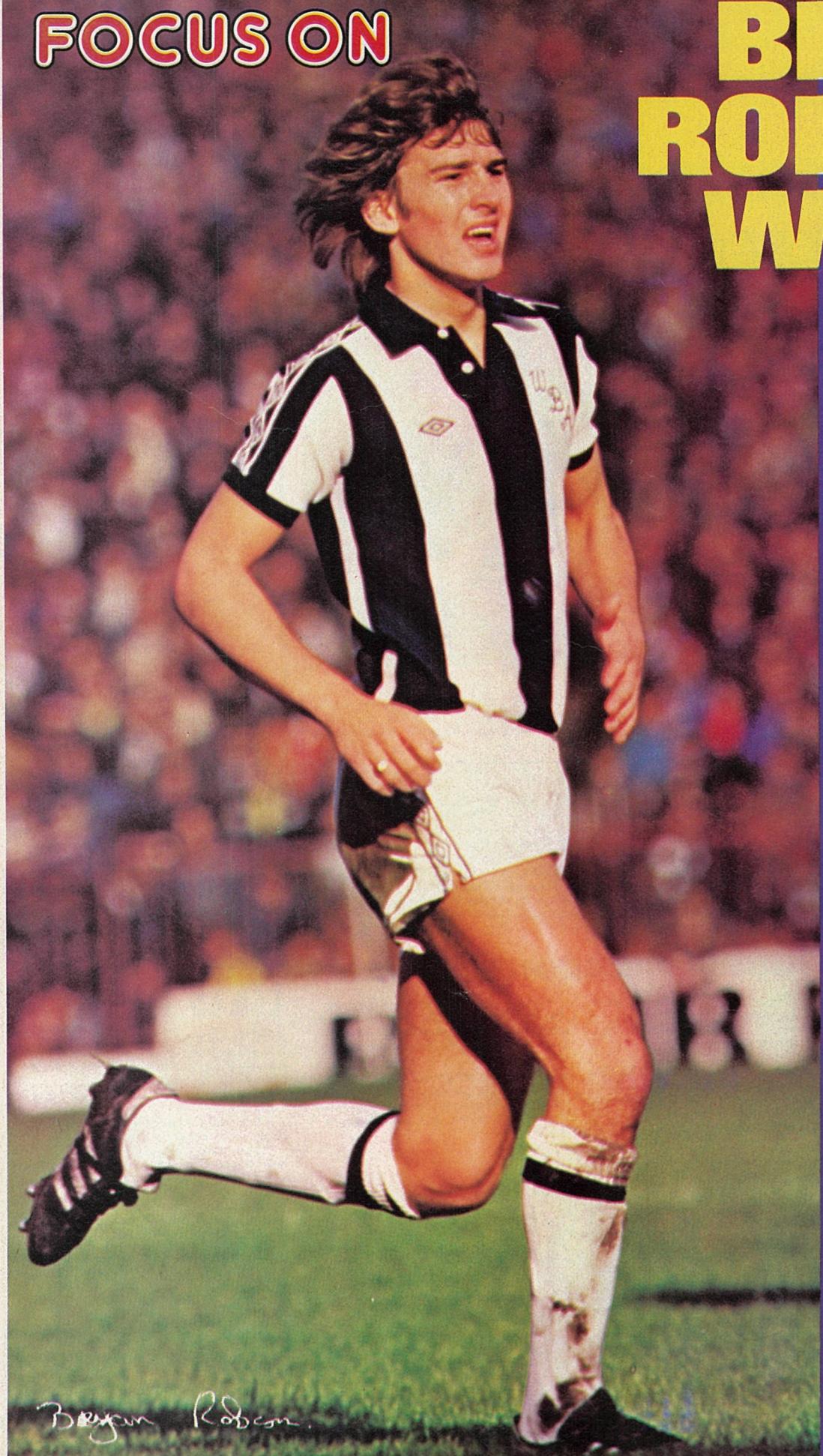
The only problem is raising cash to buy the right players, and Lorenzo has already asked Boca fans for their help, and has announced the entire first-team squad is "transferable" . . .

• Boca play Borussia Mönchengladbach in the first-leg of the World Club Championship next week. Liverpool were "too busy" to enter, so Borussia stepped in.

FOOTBALL and violence seem inseparable in Argentina, but a recent case had a novel twist. Former Rosario Central Waldino Aguirre was causing a nuisance in a bar and the police were called, and that resulted in Aguirre's death. Now four policemen have been arrested and charged with murder — apparently they beat him to death.

FOCUS ON

BRYAN ROBSON W.B.A.



Bryan Robson

FULL NAME: Bryan Robson
BIRTHPLACE: Chester-le-Street, Co Durham
BIRTHDATE: 11 January, 1957
HEIGHT: 5ft 10ins
WEIGHT: 11½st
PREVIOUS CLUB: None
MARRIED: No
CAR: Datsun 120Y
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Norman Hunter
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Newcastle United
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Colin Todd
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: England Youth team v. Spain, in Spain 1-0 (60,000)
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning Little World Cup
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Breaking a leg just after being selected for England Under-21's
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Switzerland
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Playing golf, horse racing
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Waiting in queues
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Happy Days, Parkinson
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Rod Stewart, Stevie Wonder, Diana Ross
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, Brigitte Bardot
BEST FRIENDS: Len Cantello, Pete Hill
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Johnny Giles
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: Boring training
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Youth
PERSONAL AMBITION: To earn enough money to own a business
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play for England
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? Physical education teacher
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Clint Eastwood

SHOOT!

LAST TERM Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest just managed to win promotion, finishing in third place. This season Forest have warned off the critics and soccer experts by setting the pace for the First Division Championship. Peter Withe's goals have helped to put Forest at the top of the table. Here he's seen in action against Man. City's Tommy Booth.

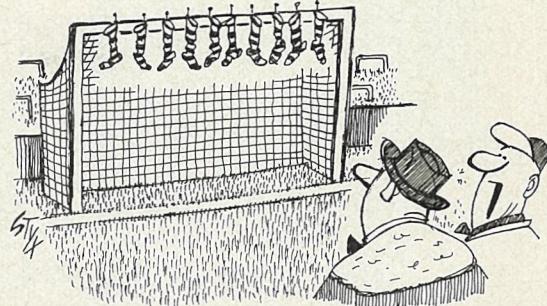


Christmas Chuckles

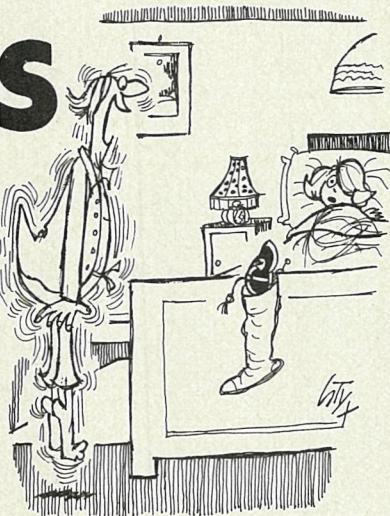
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"Come here, Father Christmas"



"I think the team are sweating on a Christmas bonus, boss"



"It happened — Ron Greenwood came down the chimney and left me an England cap"



"Seeing you're so good at giving things away, you can hand out the prizes. But don't drop them!"



"Can't make it out — the boss gave me a compass for Christmas"

NOBBY

WHAT ARE YOU SENDING
ME OFF FOR, REF?



A BADLY-TIMED
TACKLE!



AND THAT MEANS YOU'LL
BE SUSPENDED AND MISS
THE CHRISTMAS GAMES



AND HE CALLS THAT
BADLY-TIMED!



PEOPLE often tell me I am an easy going sort of guy and, I suppose, that's the way I would like to be termed. I have got little time for folk who go about moaning all the time and looking on the black side of everything.

However, be warned, I can get annoyed as the next man when I see something that doesn't meet with my approval. There are a lot of things that make me angry.

One thing which can really get me going are "actors" in football. You know the sort I mean. They are the players who lie there on the ground looking as if they are breathing their last after a tackle.

It's all an act to con the referee and it's an aspect of today's soccer world that we could do well without. I think it is diabolical for a player to fake injury in an attempt to get another player booked, or even worse, sent-off.

If I go down after a tackle it is because I have to... NOT because I want to. Football, to most, is a professional sport. It pays the mortgage, it keeps the wife and family. To try to get someone into trouble can mean suspension and that, of course, can jeopardise someone's livelihood.

From where did this unsavoury "tactic" come? I think it was being widely used on the Continent



Tartan Talk

JOHN GREIG

'I HATE 'ACTORS'

before it came to Britain. It is sad that we have copied it.

With television coverage being world-wide now and the forthcoming Finals in Argentina scheduled for a lot of our telly time I just hope that the youngsters, tomorrow's players, don't take it to heart that this is an acceptable part of football. It degrades the good name of the sport.

If someone wants to act he should do it on the stage or in front of cameras. There's no place for it in soccer. The sooner the referees get wise to this 'tactic' the better. I think the con men are the players who should be cautioned or ordered-off. That would soon put an end to their 'acting careers'.

Okay, what else annoys me? Falling attendances at games is a worrying feature of the game. Some so-called fans prefer to sit and watch the television in the afternoon while their "favourite"

team are slogging their guts out on the field every Saturday.

There is a place for television in soccer, don't get me wrong, but I think it is a shame that clubs such as Partick Thistle, Aberdeen etc, teams who try to attract the fans, just are not getting the right sort of support to survive.

That's why so many players have to be transferred to England. The clubs can't hope to stay alive with the money that is coming through the turnstiles. I'm always amazed when suddenly there is a great hue and cry after some club has sold its top star.

There appears to be about five times that club's average gate complaining about the so-called

The Professional Sports Photographers Association awarded John Greig a trophy for being Scotland's Top Sporting Personality.

Holland's Johan Neeskens is in genuine agony after being involved in a tackle with Argentinian Perfumo.

sell-out. If only these fans realised that if they had been supporting their club in the first place there would have been no need to sell.

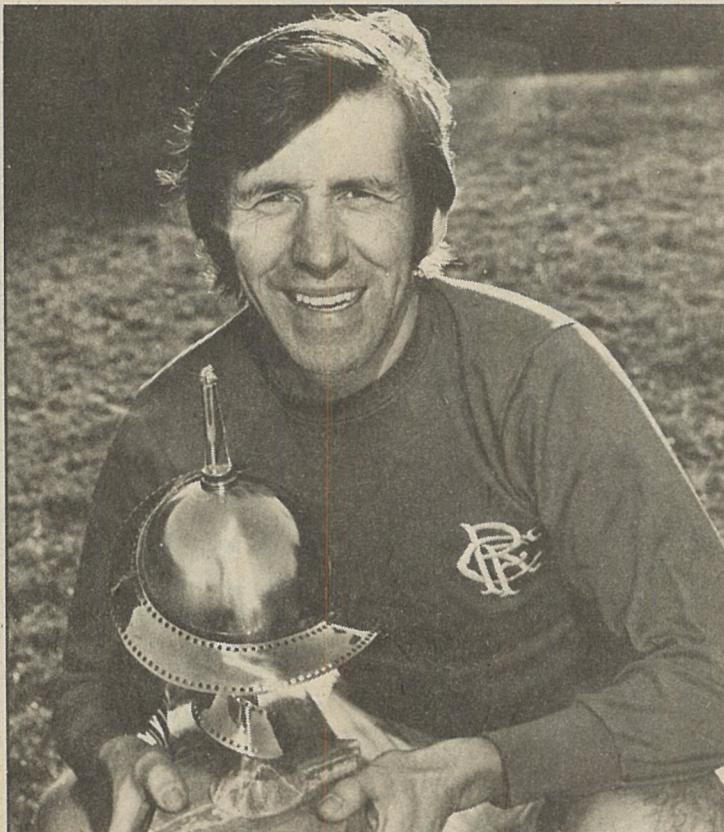
I know today's fan is a bit more sophisticated and demands comfort with his football. Clubs are trying to provide that comfort and it will come eventually, but they need support now.

Another thing which saddens me is the way the poor manager always seems to get the blame when things are going against the team. There can be a variety of reasons for the club not doing well, injuries, suspensions, plain bad luck etc, but the fans tend to gloss over these factors and go straight for the boss.

He takes the stick, strives to get things going again because he knows his job is on the line. The turnover in managers is incredible.

Anyway, I had better lay off now before everyone starts calling me a right old moaner! I'll put the typewriter away for another fortnight, but I would like to leave you with this message: I know the weather is cold and frosty at the moment, but surely it's worth the effort to go along to a soccer ground this Saturday to give your club YOUR support. It means a lot. Happy Christmas ...

TARTAN TALK FROM
CELTIC'S DANNY
McGRAIN NEXT WEEK



I LOVE everything about Christmas, even the hurly-burly of shopping for presents in crammed department stores.

It's the best time of the year as far as I'm concerned. For a couple of days people come out of their shells. Even neighbours who don't usually speak to each other manage a smile and a nod.

Hostilities are forgotten as the festive season brings good cheer. Kids enjoy every single moment of Christmas, which for them starts when the tree and decorations are got out.

Jackie and I put ours up early this year. Before the end of November the house was a blaze of glitter and tinsel.

Kerry's face was a picture when she saw the tree and decorations. She's only a year-and-a-half old, but seems to know that something exciting is about to happen.

She hasn't pulled the tree over — yet. But we did have a close call a couple of weeks ago.

Jackie was in the kitchen and thought it strange Kerry was so quiet, all alone in the lounge.

She arrived just in time to stop the tree from toppling. Kerry had made a grab for one of the glass balls and clutched a handful of branches instead.

We've bought Kerry a doll, some new clothes and a Weavel House, apart from other bits and pieces.

I can't reveal what I've got for Jackie. I know she'll read this column so I don't want to spoil the surprise.

No, love, it's not that very expensive diamond ring you saw in Manchester a few weeks ago. Or that



Right: Bob Latchford . . . playing out of his skin for Everton.

Left: United on the attack v. Leicester at Old Trafford last term. The two clubs meet again next Tuesday.

beaver lamb fur coat. You'll just have to wait and see.

As a professional footballer I've accepted the fact I'll be playing over the holiday period.

We are in the entertainment business and realise thousands of fans look forward to seeing a match over Christmas.

There's even a special atmosphere at games. Fans are usually dressed in new gear and the aroma of cigar smoke drifts down from the stands and terraces. Everyone is in good spirit.

There also seems less trouble on the park. Generally referees have an easy match.

Christmas for players is a hard time, though. The brakes are on. You can't relax and tuck into the turkey and pudding, take a little drink, or spend more than a few hours with your family.

This year I'll be training with the other lads at United on Christmas morning.

I'll then drive home for a light lunch before sitting down with my

'Give players a festive break'

My Soccer Scene
GORDON HILL



Season's greetings from Gordon, - Jackie and little Kerry-Elaine.



He seems totally involved with his players, kicking every ball, feeling every tackle as he sits on the touchline during games.

He's got the likes of Bob Latchford, Mick Lyons, Mike Pejic and Dave Thomas playing out of their skins.

United licked The Toffees 4-0 at Old Trafford last Christmas and I scored one of the goals.

I was fortunate enough to hit another two when we beat them 2-1 at Goodison in April.

Another United double and a "hat-trick" from me would make a super Christmas present, but I don't think Everton will be in the "giving" mood.

If we can strike last season's form I definitely believe United can return home with at least a share of the spoils.

Despite their present troubles, we won't be underestimating Leicester City on Tuesday.

There are usually several sensational results at Christmas and City are just the sort of side that gets them.

Like many people in the game I can't really understand why the club are struggling.

Fine Players

Manager Frank McLintock has all the qualities to be successful, so have the City team.

Keith Weller, Steve Whitworth, Dennis Rose, Mark Wallington, Steve Kember, George Armstrong and Dave Webb are fine, experienced players.

All Frank probably needs is the time to put his ideas into practice.

New signing from FC Bruges, Roger Davies, should provide the forward spark that has been missing.

I certainly hope Frank and Leicester do succeed in finding real success. That would really complete this season's Midlands revival.

They held United to a 1-1 draw in last season's corresponding game at Old Trafford.

A similar result would suit them fine, but not us. United must go for both points at home to ensure we achieve one of our targets this season . . . a place in Europe.

Before I close, a message to SHOOT readers everywhere. May you have a very happy Christmas. Enjoy yourselves but try to spare a moment to remember the people who are less fortunate . . . the poor, the aged, the seriously sick, the homeless. Christmas for them isn't all that much fun.

Finally, Jackie, Kerry and I would like to thank all those who sent cards. They've helped bring an extra bit of cheer to our home.

See you next week . . .

Welcome

In West Germany footballers are given a fortnight off at this time of year. I know most British players would welcome a similar arrangement, although not for so long.

Certainly United can't afford to relax this Christmas. As I've said, we face potential Champions Everton at Goodison on Boxing Day (December 26th) and relegation candidates Leicester at home on Tuesday (December 27th).

Although these clubs are at opposite ends of the table, both matches are going to be tough.

Everton are on form at the moment . . . up among the pigeons, on cloud nine.

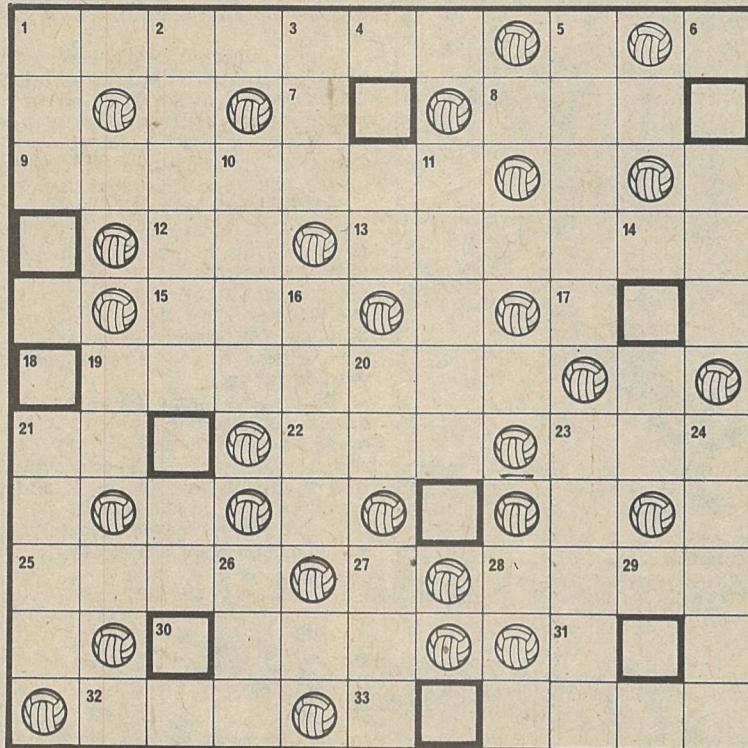
Their incredible rise this season has surprised many people in the game. I know there's a long way to go, but it really has been a dramatic change of fortunes for the club since Gordon Lee took over as manager.

Gordon Lee

Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Queens Park Rangers' striker.

Answers on page 38.



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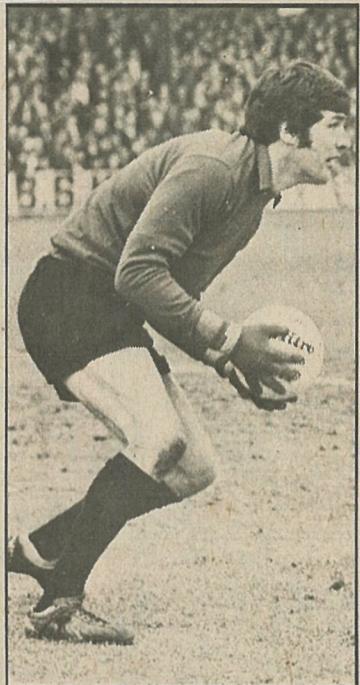
- (1) — George, Derby County striker.
- (7) Peter W-he of Nottingham Forest.
- (8) P-ito-ri- St-dium, Aberdeen.
- (9) Returned an impulse in the opposite direction.
- (12) Bre-ff-rd, from Griffin Park.
- (13) Lou —, Manchester United player.
- (15) Space perhaps through which one might score.
- (17) Lincoln City nickname The — Imps.
- (18) Winners of the British Championship 1975/6 & 1976/7.
- (21) The reverse of the missing letters in Kenil-rt-Road (Luton).
- (22) Liverpool's score (v. Manchester United) in the 1976/7 F.A. Cup Final.
- (23) Millw--- play at The Den.
- (25) A way out from the ground, for instance.
- (28) — Gates, Ipswich Town striker.
- (30) G-i-to-e Ground (Brighton). Moves the head from the omissions.
- (31) Take three letters from Oakwell (Barnsley) for a large deer.
- (32) Vicar— Road; Watford's Ground.
- (33) Glenn —, Spurs' player.

DOWN:

- (2) Alan —, West Ham midfielder.
- (4) Newcastle United striker. (4 & 7)
- (3) Brian ---tle of Aston Villa.
- (4) S. ---rr-n (Scots. Premier Div.). "A separate article" from the omissions.
- (5) Street, ground of Hereford United.
- (6) Nish, Derby County full-back.
- (10) Ralph ---es of Spurs.
- (11) Barry —, Spurs' keeper.
- (14) — Madrid; a true international club!
- (16) Take four letters from Scotland to give another word for "trudge".
- (19) It denotes a little company at the start of Colchester United.
- (20) Ray Ev-s, Fulham full-back.
- (23) ---ri-onians (Scots. Div. One). "Dried" from the missing letters.
- (24) Gary —, Chelsea full-back.
- (26) Take three letters from Everton for a part of the foot.
- (27) Kenny D-Igli-- of Liverpool.
- (29) Ian G---ard of Q.P.R.

SCOTTISH goalkeepers are often under fire. English managers say they are well below the standard South of the border, but this season Scottish fans have witnessed some superb displays of goalkeeping.

This week SHOOT looks at four of the men currently starring in the Scottish League and making life increasingly difficult for the strikers. Bobby Clark (Aberdeen), Hamish McAlpine (Dundee United) and Stewart Rennie (Motherwell) represent the Premier while Jim Stewart (Kilmarnock) gives some views from the First Division.



ABERDEEN'S BOBBY CLARK —

Aiming for a 'hat-trick'

OF ALL the 'keepers now playing in Scottish soccer, Bobby Clark, of Aberdeen, has been by far the most consistent. He has had his ups and downs in his career, but he is still playing as well now as he has ever done.

"I know Bobby's style well," says manager Billy McNeill. "I have played against him and I've played in front of him on international duty and I rate him the tops. He's not flashy or spectacular, but he is as safe as they come."

Clark, in fact, might have been an Old Firm rival of McNeill's when the Pittodrie boss was captain of Celtic. Eight years ago Rangers were unhappy with the form of both Norrie Martin and West German Gerry Neef. They made a desperate bid to sign Clark before an Old Firm match at Parkhead.

Willie Waddell, now the director-manager at Ibrox, made the offer, but the proposed deal fell through. Neef played against Celtic, had a brilliant game in a 0-0 draw and kept his place throughout the season.

But Clark must be used to these things by now. He looked set for Stoke City at one point in his career, but after a game against Celtic in which he conceded three goals, the deal took a nosedive.

"I'm happy at Pittodrie," says Clark. "The fans have been wonderful to me and I would dearly love to bring that Premier Division Championship to Aberdeen. The fans deserve it and manager Billy McNeill is determined to give it to them.

"On a personal basis it would complete a superb hat-trick for me. I have got a Scottish Cup winners' medal which I received after helping Aberdeen to a 3-1 victory over Celtic at Hampden. Mr. McNeill was in the opposition that day!

"Then, last season, I won a League Cup medal when we again defeated the Parkhead men 2-1 after extra-time in the Final. I'll never forget that match. They took the lead with a penalty by Kenny Dalglish, but Drew Jarvie equalised with a header after a well-worked move.

"Before the game I had had a dream about Davie Robb coming on as a substitute and scoring the winner. I told Ally MacLeod, who was then our boss, about it and Robb was put on the bench.

"Then with the game tied at 1-1, Mr MacLeod sent on Robb and,

incredibly, he scored the winning goal in extra-time. I have never felt so amazed in all my life. My dream was so realistic it wasn't like seeing it double.

"Anyway, a League medal would complete a happy hat-trick for yours truly and possibly it's an omen that the Championship is held at the moment by the Parkhead side. We seem to do well when it comes to taking trophies from them!

"And it would also mean another hat-trick . . . it would be the third different manager who would have taken The Dons to an award. Eddie Turnbull was in charge when we won the Scottish Cup and, like I said earlier, Ally MacLeod guided us to the League Cup success.

"Now Billy McNeill is the boss and although he is relatively new to management he has impressed us all at Aberdeen. He certainly knows what he wants at Pittodrie . . . success with a capital 'S'."

Clark may have reached the veteran stage of his career, but he is proving experience makes a 'keeper get better. His handling is superb and he sets his team on the attack with his intelligent clearances, both by hand and foot.

Will he get his hat-trick? He certainly deserves it . . .

THE MEN

DUNDEE UNITED'S HAMISH McALPINE —

Captain and penalty-taker

"I WOULD like to remain as penalty-taker for the club." It's a simple enough statement, but it was coming from a GOALKEEPER . . . and he had just missed TWO penalties in the previous game!

That plea came from Dundee United's extrovert number one. Hamish McAlpine, who must be one of the most under-rated 'keepers in Britain even if he won't be famous for his penalty-taking ability.

Hamish, who is also the United skipper, missed those penalties in a game against Ayr United at Somerset Park last season, but even after the double blunder he still wanted to take the ones that came along in the future.

Manager Jim McLean agreed, but United now prefer to see an

outfield player taking the spot-kicks. "It's all a matter of confidence," says McAlpine. "I enjoyed taking them . . . it's unusual to see your name on the scoresheet!"

McAlpine, though, caused some heart-stopping moments after some of his misses. Against Rangers two seasons ago he cracked one on to the crossbar and when it came back to him he simply belted it again. It stopped the play and gave him time to get back into goal while Rangers' players tried to retrieve the ball and take the free-kick as swiftly as possible.

However, he wasn't so fortunate against Celtic at Parkhead last season. He sent his effort low to the 'keeper's left, but Roy Baines got down to hold the ball on the line. McAlpine must have broken all world sprint records in his hectic dash to get back into goal before Baines punted the ball downfield!

One man who firmly believes in McAlpine's ability as a goalkeeper rather than a goal-SCORER is Tannadice manager Jim McLean, who says: "Hamish should have won an international cap years ago. He has been consistently good for us and he very rarely lets you down.

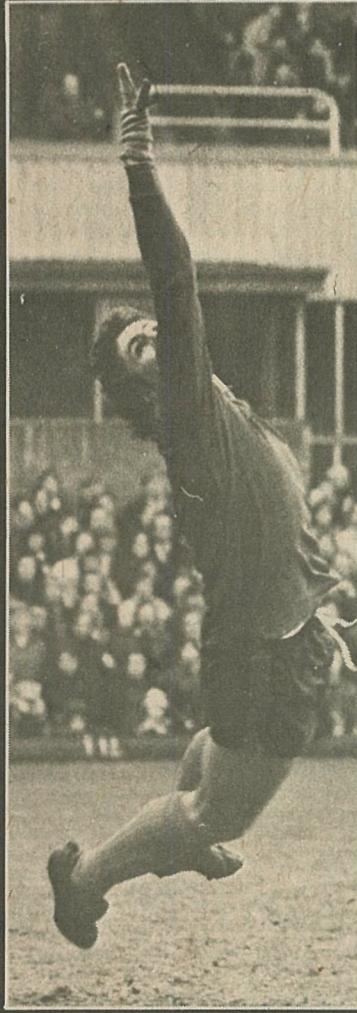
"He is dependable and the other lads look up to him and respect him. It may be unusual for a 'keeper to be the skipper, but he is the man for the job, there's no doubt about that.

"Why did he start taking penalties? We were going through a terrible run of missing them. No one wanted to know except Hamish. Then we got one in a League game against Hibs at Tannadice. The fans wondered who would step up. There was a gasp as Hamish left his goalmouth.

"However, he made no mistake with a shot that rocketed into the net. He got the job after that, but I have always preferred an outfield player to take the spot-kicks."

McAlpine likes to do the simple things in soccer. He prefers shrewd positioning and the cutting of angles to the spectacular. He has never really received the recognition his play has deserved.

It has been said if he played for either Rangers or Celtic he would have been in Scotland's international pool years ago. That may be true, but Hamish is happy with life at Tannadice.



THE STRIKERS FEAR



MOTHERWELL'S STEWART RENNIE —

Not always fans' pin-up

MOTHERWELL goalkeeper Stewart Rennie shouldn't have had a chance. Dundee United's Davie Narey had connected superbly and the ball had left his foot in a blur. The destination was the back of the net and there seemed very little Rennie could do to prevent a goal.

Suddenly, he took off in an acrobatic leap, stretched himself across his goal-line and managed to hold the ball. It was a miraculous save and the fans applauded it warmly as Narey held his head in disbelief.

That game ended in a goalless draw and Rennie made other amazing saves during the afternoon. He was Motherwell's Man of the Match, but he knows the other grim-faced side of soccer.

"I haven't always been the pin-up of the fans," he says. "I started my career with Falkirk, but never seemed to hold down a permanent first team place with Ally Donaldson challenging me."

"Eventually, I moved to Motherwell as an understudy to Keith MacRae before his £100,000 move to Manchester City. After that I got my first team chance and I was determined not to blow it."

Actually, Rennie was FOURTH choice before he signed for Motherwell! The Fir Park club realised they would be selling MacRae to City and they originally made a move for Celtic reserve 'keeper Evan Williams, who had been displaced at Parkhead by Ally Hunter, who was later to play another vital part in Rennie's career.

Williams, however, turned down

the opportunity and Motherwell, then managed by Ian St. John, went for Hearts' experienced international Jim Cruickshank, who had lost his first team place to Kenny Garland.

Cruickshank, too, decided not to move and St. John went back to Parkhead in an effort to sign Denis Connaghan, another reserve. Connaghan, like Williams, also decided to stay with Celtic. It was then St. John turned to Falkirk and eventually got his man.

"Things were going quite well for me," says Rennie, "and I was mentioned for possible international honours. I was fairly happy with my game, but two years ago Motherwell signed Ally Hunter from Celtic for about £25,000 and I started the season in the reserves.

"Ally was in for the early games, but I was brought back after a while. I played for most of the term, but at the start of this season I was left out again!"

"Young Jim Muir had taken over from myself and Ally. He played two games against Celtic at Park head and didn't concede a goal. However, in another game against The Celts at Fir Park he let in four goals and I was back in again.

"Ally has now moved on to St. Mirren and I wish him all the best. My aim now is to stay in the first team and make that place my own. I'm 30 now and I think I have got better with experience. I feel my game has improved and that's the way I want to keep it."

"Reserve football is, I hope, a thing of the past . . ."

"LOOK AT that boy," said one rival manager pointing from the dug-out. "It's just not right he should be able to do those sort of things. He shouldn't be in this Division!"

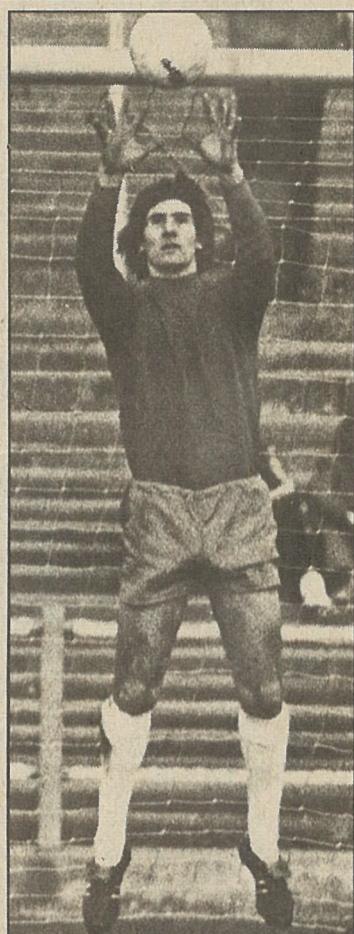
The goalkeeper on the receiving end of the accolade was Kilmarnock's international Jim Stewart, who has been one of the most consistent 'keepers in Scotland this season. He has been frustrating First Division forwards with his superb agility and supreme positioning.

"I want to get back into the Premier," says Jim. "That's where the atmosphere is and where I want to be. The quickest possible route if I don't get a transfer is to make sure Kilmarnock win promotion.

"I have never hidden the fact I would like a transfer from Rugby Park, but I have nothing against the club. They have been good to me and so have the fans.

"It's just I want financial security and I also want to know how good I can get. At the moment I am a part-timer and I feel my game would obviously benefit if I went full-time.

"That would give me more opportunities to develop my game, to work on my weaknesses. I have been told by Kilmarnock I will be allowed to go if a reasonable offer comes along. So, until then, I will just have to keep playing away in the hope I can attract the attention of someone with money to spend."



KILMARNOCK'S JIM STEWART — Wants transfer to Premier side

Stewart has been linked with several clubs, the most recent being Rangers. The Ibrox club, though, have four goalkeepers on their books, Stewart Kennedy, Peter McCloy, Ronnie Lowrie and Donald Hunter, who is on loan to St. Mirren.

Obviously, Rangers would have to sell at least one of those 'keepers before making any move for Stewart, if, of course, they were interested. It seemed only a matter of time before Stewart would be on the move when he first broke through to the Kilmarnock first team.

"The club had a good reputation for bringing out the best in their goalkeepers," says Stewart, "and they weren't slow in selling them, either. They always seemed to have someone ready to step in and do an equally good job."

"Sandy McLaughlin went to Sunderland and his place was taken by Campbell Forsyth. He went on to win international honours and then he moved to Southampton. In came Bobby Ferguson,

another international, and he stayed there until 1967 before moving to West Ham for a then record fee for a goalkeeper of £65,000.

"McLaughlin returned for a spell and then it was Ally Hunter's turn to take over. Ally, too, won international caps, but I still managed to take his place in the first team and he went into the reserves.

"I thought if I was good enough to displace someone such as Ally then I must attract the attention of someone, somewhere. And what happened? Celtic bought Ally while he was in the reserves!"

"I'm still in the market and I want to prove myself at the highest level. I am as ambitious as the next man. I want a sideboard crammed with medals and caps . . . that's my aim, anyway."

Stewart, who nearly moved South three years ago to Aston Villa and has also interested Sheffield Wednesday, will surely move on some day.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S QUIZ TIME

1. Gordon Jago (below) recently resigned as manager of Millwall to take over a similar post in America. Has he become boss of the Cosmos or Tampa Bay Rowdies?

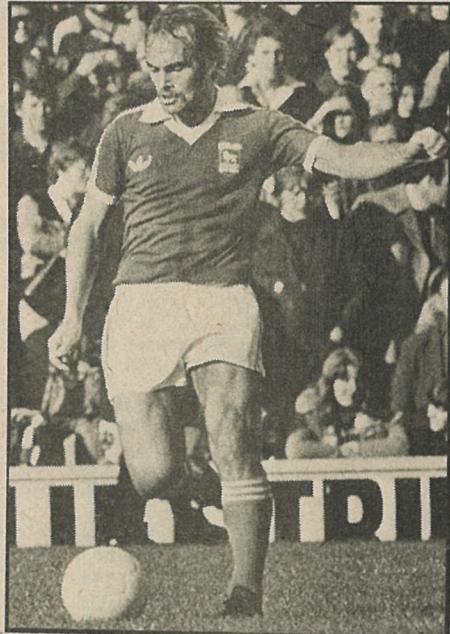


2. Aston Villa reached the Quarter-Finals of the U.E.F.A. Cup when they beat Athletic Bilbao 2-1, 3-1 or 4-1 on aggregate?

3. Ipswich Town failed to join Villa in the next round when they crashed to Barcelona 3-1 on penalties. Did Clive Woods, Mick Mills (below) or Colin Viljoen score from the spot?

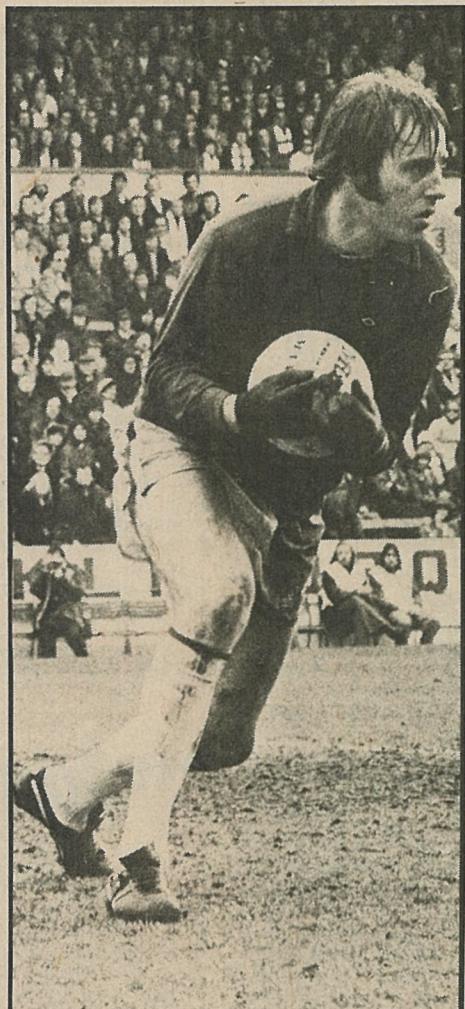
4. Wrexham and Swindon Town clashed in the League Cup Fourth Round. What was the final score?

5. Bolton's Alan Waldron was transferred recently for around £17,500 to which club?



6. If Roger Jones saved a penalty from Stuart Croft, which two Second Division clubs would be in action?

7. Do you know the Christian names of these goalkeepers: (a) ----- Roche (Manchester United), (b) ----- Stewart (Leeds United) (below) and (c) ----- Wells (Southampton)?



8. Can you name the home grounds of these Scottish clubs: (a) Falkirk, (b) Airdrie, (c) Dumbarton and (d) St. Johnstone?

9. The following players were sent-off during November. Can you name the clubs they were playing for when dismissed? (a) Billy Edwards, (b) John Seasman and (c) Steve Williams?

10. Do you know which trophy Newcastle United won in consecutive seasons, 1973-74 and 1974-75?

11. Tunisia or Egypt became the 16th country to qualify for next year's World Cup Finals in Argentina?

12. Italy qualified for the Finals when they beat Luxembourg 3-0. What was the half-time score?

13. This London star began his career with Aberdeen and later moved to Dundee. He was then transferred to Chelsea. After a spell at Crystal Palace he returned to Stamford Bridge where he helped the club regain their First Division status last season. Can you identify him?

14. On Saturday, December 3rd, a Sunderland player scored on his debut for the club. (a) Who was he and (b) against which opposition?

15. On the same day, Watford headed the Fourth Division table. Were they four, five or six points clear of Aldershot?

ANSWERS:

1. Tampa Bay Rowdies. 2, 3, 1, 3. Mick Mills. 4. Wrexham won 2-0. 5. Blackpool. 6. Stoke and Hull. 7. (a) Paddy Peeler. (b) Broadfield Park. (c) Bognor Regis Park. (d) David. (e) Peter. 8. (a) Brockville Pool. 9. (a) Wayne Entwistle. 10. (b) Millwall. (c) Southampton. (d) Merton Park. 11. (a) Wimbley Park. 12. (b) 2-0. 13. Texaco Cup. 14. (a) Charlie Cook. 15. (a) Gordon Jago. 16. (a) Wayne Entwistle. 17. (b) David. 18. (a) Peter. 19. (b) Steve Williams. 20. (a) Alan Gowling. 21. (b) Ian Daines. 22. (c) Dairi. 23. (d) Ian. 24. (e) Steve. 25. (f) Ian. 26. (g) Ian. 27. (h) Ian. 28. (i) Ian. 29. (j) Ian. 30. (k) Ian. 31. (l) Ian. 32. (m) Ian. 33. (n) Ian.

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TREVOR CHERRY A MAN IN A HURRY

**The tough-tackling
Leeds United skipper
explains . . .**

"I'VE BEEN in professional soccer since I left school yet, at the age of 29, I've only two medals to show for my efforts — a League Championship one with United, and one to mark Huddersfield Town's Second Division title win.

"It would be accurate to say I'm hungry for success — and quickly."

But don't get the impression the likeable, usually uncomplaining Cherry is unhappy with life. It's simply his fiercely-ambitious nature can never be satisfied. He's the same energetic person off the field, heading a thriving waste paper business.

He's a born winner. "The thought of losing gives me nightmares," he says.

"People assume my single-minded approach to the game stems from my association with Don Revie, but it's not true. I've always been like this, even when I was playing for my Huddersfield school team."

Indeed, when Revie, then Leeds United's manager, paid £100,000 to Huddersfield for Cherry in 1972, he commented: "Trevor is one of the most under-rated players in the League. He's ruthless in the tackle, good in the air, hates losing and as brave as they come."

It was these qualities which persuaded Revie to award Cherry his first England cap — against Wales last year. His trust was not misplaced.

The Leeds star rapidly increased his reputation as a ball winner. He was a pillar of strength against Brazil in the following summer's Bicentennial tournament in the U.S.A. and, more recently, in the vital World Cup qualifier against Italy at Wembley he played the usually brilliant Franco Causio out of the game.

Sadly, that spelled the end of England's Cup hopes. And no one felt the disappointment more keenly than the super-patriotic Cherry, who wears his England shirt with pride.

"I've won 15 caps and I can honestly say I still get as big a thrill each time I pull on that England shirt as I did the first time," he says.

"I'm aggressive, but not dirty. I never try to injure an opponent. My conscience is clear and that's all that matters, isn't it?"

"I don't often complain, but one thing that niggles me is when people suggest I'm only capable of marking a man — in the tactical sense, that is!"

"The truth is my work has been more creative than I've been given credit for. Apart from my work against Bertoni in Argentina and Causio last month I haven't done much man-for-man marking.

"I only hope the new boss continues to pick me."

Cherry, a family man who likes nothing better than to take his two young sons, Ian (6) and Darren (3), to enjoy an improvised training session at Elland Road, doesn't worry about his reputation as a 'hard man'.

"It never troubled Norman Hunter so why should it bother me?" he queries. "The fact is if someone on our side doesn't win the ball we can't attack. My job is to provide that service for my team-mates."

His club manager, Jimmy Armfield, supports his skipper's argument, pointing out Cherry threatens to relieve the almost-legendary Paul Madeley of the title of "Mr Versatile".

Armfield says: "Trevor's a wonderful club man — he lives for Leeds United. He'll willingly wear any shirt I give him even though I know his favourite position is number six, the one Paul Madeley had made his own."

"No manager could ask for a more cheerful, uncomplaining character as skipper. Even when he was having an unhappy run last season, and the critics were getting at him, I never heard a moan from him. He just carried on with his job."

Even when Leeds struck a bad patch this season and slid down the table, Cherry battled on convinced the tide would turn. And it has done.

United are climbing the table steadily. They crushed Second Division title-chasers Bolton 3-1 at Bolton in the League Cup and now confidently look forward to their Quarter-Final home tie with mighty Everton.

"There's no reason why we shouldn't beat Gordon Lee's men."

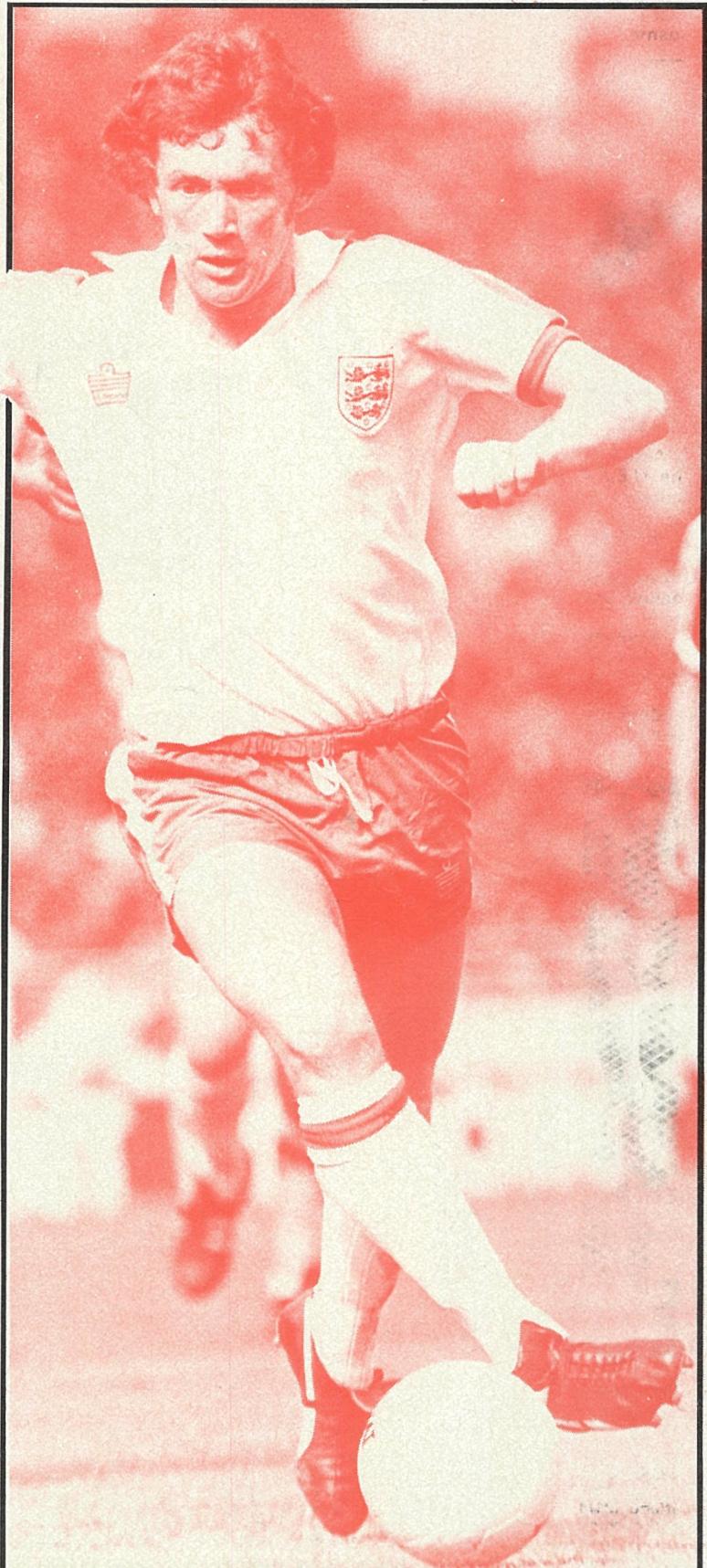
Yes, the future looks bright for Leeds. "This could be the happiest Christmas we've had at Elland Road since Don Revie left," says Cherry.

"We've regained our confidence and I'm hoping by the time the F.A. Cup comes round in early January we'll be in the top half-dozen places.

"We're beginning to achieve consistency at last and with players fighting for places as our injury situation has improved the extra competition should spur the lads to greater efforts."

Although reluctant to single out individuals for praise, the Leeds skipper readily acknowledges the fleet-footed, skilful wing play by Scotman Arthur Graham and young Welsh international Carl Harris.

The big, immediate question Yorkshire soccer fans are asking is: Can the team provide another medal or two for the Cherry's new home in the bleak Pennine hills — and quickly?





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